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CLIX.

VIRO SUMMO RICHARDO BENTLEIO
HADRIANUS RELANDUS S.

DIU est quod tibi gratias debuerim pro eximio opere quo et bibliothecam meam et universam rem
5 literariam ornare voluisti: et necdum, ut veram fac-
tear, eas agerem, quum lectionem totius voluminis
ad umbilicum prius perducere constituissem, nisi hoc
ipso mane me adivissent Kusterus, Oddy, et Crown-
fieldius, qui dum me ad tempus relicto parum mihi
10 concedunt otii, mox redituri ut una prandeamus et
Genio Benteiano hilare libemus poculum, has exa-
randas duxi ut intelligas beneficium in hominem in-
gratum non esse collatum, et me codices MSS^{tos} Ovidii
recepisse, quos ante non scivi ad manus tuas perve-
5 nisse quam illud ipsum in addendis tuis ad notas
Horatianas legerem.

Efficiunt illa quæ ad cultum Flacci contulisti larga manu, quæque incomparabile acumen et stupen-
dam doctrinam tuam posteris testatam facient, ut
20 Manilium, cujus spem mihi Crownfieldius fecit, avide
expectare debeant omnes literarum amantes, quibus
dubium non est elogium, quod Ill. Spanhemio tribuis
pag. 154, Tibi summo jure convenire.

At quam me turbavit nuncius horribilis! In hunc
25 usque diem fidem habere non potui rumoribus de
Sikio nostro circumlatis. Nunc coram se testem
fuisse infandi spectaculi affirmat Crownfieldius. O
infelix fatum! et damnum quod literæ nostræ pa-
tiuntur vix reparabile! Promiserat et mihi nuperis

literis excerpta ex Abulfeda quæ ad Palæstinam spectant. Nisi illa Tua auctoritate nanciscar per aliquem sermonis Arabici gnarum, Ockleyum aliumve, spem omnem abjicere cogar. Palæstinæ meæ folium 34 typis describitur: sed minus prospera valetudo sæpe 5 injicit moram. Vale, Illustrissime Bentleie, et me quod facis ama. Trajecti Batavorum a. d. XXIII Jul. CIOIOCCXII.

Viro Illustriss.

RICHARDO BENTLEIO.

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CLX.

VIRO ILLUSTRIS ET LONGE ERUDITISSIMO
RICHARDO BENTLEIO, AMICORUM PRINCIPI, S. P. D.
LUDOLPHUS KUSTERUS.

QUOD Londino abiturus promiseram, me, postquam in Hollandiam rediissem, literas ad te daturum 15 esse; id nunc præstari a me vides.

Scias ergo me intra biduum, optimo vento et cælo, ex Anglia in Hollandiam rediisse; non sine ingenti expectatione amicorum, multa multis super rebus me rogitantium; quorum curiositati, quantum potui, 20 satisfeci.

Ultrajecti Relandum conveni; a quo literas hasce habes. Burmannum non vidi, quoniam tunc temporis ab urbe aberat. Hic Amstelodami Clericus per aliquot dierum hebdomades cum valido morbo conflic- 25 tatus est: ex quo vixdum emergerat, cum ad eum primum inviserem. Spes eum tenuerat, fore, ut Lim-

burgio Collegæ, ante tres circiter menses defuncto, in Professione Theologiæ hic apud Remonstrantes succederet: sed quæ spes eum fefellit. Nam alius quis, nomine Cattenburgius, Arminianis Roterodamen-
 5 sibus quondam a concionibus sacris, locum illum obtinuit; lætantibus mirum in modum adversariis et inimicis Clerici, qui pluribus carminibus Satyricis ἀπότευξι illam traduxerunt. Vidi Roterodami plus duodecim, ni fallor, ejusmodi carmina Satyrica, partim
 10 Belgice, partim Latine conscripta: in quibus etiam Burmanni, prompti ad talia et exercitati, manum agnoscebam. Audio quoque Renferdium, Professore linguæ Hebraicæ in Academia Franequerana, arma in Clericum expedire, et brevi contra eum emis-
 15 surum esse aliquot libellos, quos titulo *Actionum in Verrem* signabit. Sic miser Clericus passim vapulat; partim merito, et partim immerito.

Negotium Roterodamense ab amicis meis eo usque perductum est, ut Consules ejus urbis, me, simul ac
 20 voluero, successorem Texelio, viro jam octogenario, designare constituerint. Stipendium autem vix accedet, ante pacem factam, vel obitum dicti viri. Unde vides, breve adhuc fretum mihi trajiciendum esse, antequam naviculam meam in portu constituam. Equi-
 25 dem spero, me unum vel alterum amicum nacturum esse, qui generositatem tuam imitetur.

Croonfeldius in Britanniam redux, secum afferet specimen grandis illius operis, cujus editionem meditari me nosti. Eo impresso, pactionem inibo cum
 30 bibliopolis vestratibus: quam quidem si vel auctoritate tua, vel consilio adjuvare potueris, gratissimum id mihi erit. Ad Rever. Episcopum Eliensem proxi-

me dabo literas; ut sciam, quid ipse in hoc negotio promoverit. Vale, Vir amicissime, et me ama.

AMSTELÆDAMI, 5 Aug. St. N., 1712.

P. S. Almeloveenius, Professor quondam Hadervicensis, hic ante novem vel decem dies subito mortuus 5 est. Salutem dico optimæ uxori tuæ; itemque Broekbankio, aliisque. Croonfeldio in Britannia redituro alteras ad te literas dabo.

My direction is:—

A' Monsieur, Monsieur Ludolph Kuster, 10
Op de Reguliers gragt,
tusgen de Keyzers gragt, en de Kerk-straet,
à Amsterdam.

P. S. After I had written this letter (which I have kept from one post-day to an other, waiting for 15 Mr. Hemsterhuise's letter, for to be inclosed in myn), there came to see me some English gentlemen; and amongst them one of your Colledge, nomine Town, a physician (qui magni te facit), who brought my the good news, that you were made Dean of Lichtfield. 20 Ego plane erectus fui hoc nuncio: and upon that I dronk presently, first your health, and afterwards upon the confirmation of this news. I can assure you, Sir, that I shal long heartly to have the confirmation of this from you, because no body of your friends can 25 take more part in your prosperity, then I do: having found, that I have no truer friend then you. Mr. Hemsterhuise desseins to write this same day. Vale.

For the Rev. DR. BENTLEY,
Master of TRINITY COLLEDGE,
in CAMBRIDGE.

CLXI.

VIRO ILLUSTRARI RICHARDO BENTLEIO,
AMICORUM PRINCIPI, S.P.D. LUDOLPHUS KUSTERUS.

BREVIORES hasce ad te scribo literas, tum quia ultimas meas, die 5 Aug. St. N. ad te datas, te accesse non dubito: tum etiam quia ipse Croonfeldius ad vos redux, de pluribus rebus coram te certiore facere poterit.

Te a Sereniss. Regina creatum esse Decanum Litchfeldensem, etiam ab aliis postea mihi relatum est: qua ex re ingentem voluptatem cepi. Gratulor tibi ex animo de nova hac dignitate; et quidem eo magis, quo magis id inimicis tuis doliturum esse novi. Pudor jam, credo, et reverentia rursus intrabit animos eorum, qui in Collegio, cui præsides, tamdiu erga te contumaces fuerunt.

Illustriss. Abbas Bignonius nuper Lutetia ad me scripsit, Demosthenem Gr. et Lat. Romæ (o rem ibi raram!) edi: itemque Montfauconium in Bibliotheca Seguieriana Parisiis invenisse antiquum Lexicon Græcum, quod fere ad mille annos accedat. Catalogum ejus Bibliothecæ, quæ adhuc in obscuro fere jacuit, conficiet idem Montfauconius.

De Editione minore Aristophanis, quam ὁδοῦ πάρεργον adornandam suscepi, ex Croonfeldio plura audies. Vellem tamen adhuc celari, me esse Editionis illius auctorem, propter certas rationes. Et forte alius Editioni huic nomen suum commodabit: nisi postea aliter mihi visum fuerit. Mandavi Croonfeldio, ut nil nisi te consulto hac in re agat. Notas etiam bre-

viusculas si Editioni huic addere posses, magno eam afficeret ornamento. Ego ex Editione majore annotationes maxime necessarias excerpam; et præterea haud paucas addam novas. Negotium Roterodamense quo loco situm sit, jam superioribus literis ad te perscripsi. Expectanda nempe erit vel pax vel mors hominis jam octogenario majoris, antequam stipendium mihi constituatur. Professio autem ipsa mihi jam est desponsa.

Specimen adornandæ novæ Editionis Roberti Steph. Croonfeldius secum afferet: quod tibi non displiciturum esse confido. Constitueram quidem initio, novum prorsus Lexicon conficere, relicto Roberto Stephano: sed longo nimis tempore ad hoc mihi opus fore videbam. Quare mediam elegi viam, in specimine propositam: quam quidem si sequar, intra annum, aut non multo secus, opus totum prælo paratum esse poterit. Nosti præsentis rei meæ familiaris angustias: quamobrem te rogo, ut, si quid vel auctoritate apud bibliopolas, vel gratia in aula vestra, vales (valere te autem nunc non dubito) id conferre velis ad promovendum opus, quod et Reip. literariæ utilissimum, et mihi non poterit non esse lucrosus. Et quoniam totum hoc opus tribus constabit voluminibus: unum ex illis tibi dedicare constitui (te scilicet non abnuente) unum Episcopo Eliensi; et unum denique Abbati Bignonio, vel (prout res se dabunt) Moderatoribus Reip. Roterodamensis.

Vale, et semper flore, meque ama.

AMSTELODAMI, 5 Aug. [Sept. ?] St. N., 1712.

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P. S. Clericus nuper in gratiam plane redire tecum videbatur, cum ipsi dicerem, te saluti ejus ad me bi-

bisse. Scio quidem, te minime curare, quo loco apud eum sis; sed tamen, cum et ipse plurimos habeat amicos, quique eum magni faciant, ut nosti: præstat eum habere amicum, quam inimicum. Hemsterhuy-
 5 sius te plurimum salutat; a quo etiam literas jam te accepisse non dubito. Vale iterum.

Viro Illustri et Reverendo RICHARDO BENTLEIO,

Decano LITCHFELDENSIS,

et Magistro COLLEGII S. TRINITATIS,

10

CANTABRIGIÆ.

CLXII.

VIRO REVERENDO ET ERUDITISSIMO

RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D. PETRUS BURMANNUS.

REDDITUS mihi nuper, nescio a quo, Horatius, tua cura egregie expolitus et emendatus, pro quo
 15 gratias tibi quas possum maximas habeo. Summa cum voluptate et fructu omnes notas perlustravi, et nihil umquam me legisse in hoc studiorum genere memini, quod ita animum meum tenuerit et delectaverit: aliam enim, ut mihi videris, auctores veteres emen-
 20 dandi viam insistis, tamque certis et firmis rationibus lectiones a vulgatis discrepantes, et conjecturas tuas stabilire soles, ut invitis etiam consensum extorqueas. Utinam de aliis quoque Poetis ita mereri velles, et omnibus ostendere in Critica etiam locum esse de-
 25 monstrationibus, quibus a sanæ mentis hominibus nihil temere reponi possit.

Audio tamen non omnibus placere ingenium et

industriam tuam, et esse hac etiam in terra, qui aliquid moliri volunt contra quasdam emendationes; nihil tamen certi resciscere potui, nisi quod ad me subornatus aliquis venit exemplar Heinsianum in paucos dies a me rogans; cui cum me difficilem initio 5 præberem, et cur eo opus illi esset diligentius inquirerem, satis potui perspicere, illud a me peti, ut contra te arma præberem, quibus oppugnareris, itaque plane negavi.

Quid parituri sint fuci qui ne milliariam quidem 10 partem elegantiarum Horatianarum capiunt, nescio; sed si famæ suæ consultum esse vellent, manum abstererent ab opere, cui pares non sunt. Plura nunc non addo, cum Ornatissimus Adolescens Sayer, in procinctu itineris stans, jam literas has expectet. 15

Addidi tres orationes, quas nuper habui, quæ an placituræ sint omnibus nescio; illa certe pro Comœdia rigidos quosdam morum magistros in me armavit, sed insulsos eorum impetus quantum potui retudi. Vale, Vir Reverende, et me amare perge. 20

TRAJECTI BATAVOR. a. d. XII. *Septb.* CICICCCXII.

Dialogos, quibus Clericum perfricui, adjeci quia ignorabam an olim miserim, diu enim est cum priores prodierint, sed tertius elapso demum anno.

CLXIII.

GRAVISSIMO ÆVI NOSTRI ARISTARCHO

D. D. RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D.

MATTHIAS ANCHERSEN.

CREBRAS hactenus literas ad Amicum nostrum
 5 Sickium L. Hebrææ Professore dignissimum, dedi,
 negotia et salutem Musarum Cantabrigiensium rescit-
 turus, sed, quæ vel Tabellariorum fuit injuria, vel
 nonnulla Sickii, in Literis Orientalibus occupatissimi,
 incuria, nullas jam diu recepi.

10 Expectanti autem responsum tristis hodie affertur
 nuntius de subita et longe immatura Doctissimi Sickii
 morte. Ego vero gravissimum hoc nuntio vulnus ac-
 cepi, desiderium illud, quo torqueor, nulla parte leva-
 turus, nisi et isti et animo meo præsentī epistola me-
 15 deri non graveris.

Non equidem ignoro, Te, Mæcenās æstimatissime,
 tot undique obrutum atque obseptum negotiis, ut tan-
 tulum temporis dispendium a Te petere nefas foret,
 nisi, convulsæ de sede sua ac statu, menti meæ aliquo
 20 modo occurrendum esset. Cedo igitur, Vir Per-Il-
 lustris, beneficam manum, et, quam ab aliis in tali
 luctu expeteres, opem mihi præsta, ex quo morbi ge-
 nere, et quo tempore, interierit Sickius, indica. Vic-
 tus est impatientia animus meus, et, si sinistri quid
 25 Sickio nostro acciderit, inconsolabilis mœrebit. Metuo
 Literis Orientalibus, quæ summum in Sickio (ut de
 Tito Aristone Plinius ait) uno vitæ discrimen adi-
 bunt. Cæterum differam tantisper exsequias, dum de

veritate rei literis tuis, quas enixissime efflagito, et impatientius exspecto, certior fio. Quod si tamen (ut mortalia et fluxa sunt omnia) obierit longe desideratissimus Amicus meus et Præceptor Sickius, patere id Tibi gratiæ apponi, ut recens benevolentiae tuæ documentum sentiam.

Paucis; possidebat D. Sickius elegantissima MSS^{ta} Orientalia, quæ, si fieri possit, redimere cuperem. Habet *Alcoranum* MS. in 8^{vo} Literis aureis hinc inde faberrime expictum; et aliud *Alcorani* exemplum itidem in 8^{vo} forma majori cum perpetuo Gjalalloddini Commentario; pariter et *Lexicon Gjeuharidis* in Folio. Tria illa MSS. avidissime expeterem, pretium, quod alii offerunt, per Mercatorem Londinensem promptissime persoluturus. Hæc ope tua et autoritate in potestatem meam transitura spero. Ante omnia exile in 8^{vo} MS. XL *Hadith* sive *Traditionum Mohammedicarum*, ut mihi cedat, Te prorsus etiam atque etiam vehementer rogo. Sæpius (ita me Musæ ament!) id mihi dono obtulit, et literis promisit Sickius, occasionem illius ad me transmittendi præstolatus. Id ut mihi conserves impensissime peto, quia MS. illud Latine a me redditum, notisque illustratum jam imprimendum curo. Verba hæc Italica in frontispicio Libri leguntur: *De Illustrissimo Sign^{re} Carlo Sancto Georgio da Malta allino di Marzo 1602; da Monsig^{ore} Verallo Inquisitore.* Ac ne gratis illud auferam, pretium, quantum imperaveris, persolvam. Tersam quoque *Alcorani versionem Latinam* prælo paraverat Sickius, quam, si ita Tibi visum fuerit, publici juris faciam, gloriam omnem soli Sickio concessurus.

Quid jam fiet *septem Arabum ante Mohammedem*

Poetis, quos Orbi Literario olim promiserat Sickius, et quorum duos priores, prælum poscentes, Trajecti imprimendos, mihi in manum tradere decreverat? Quod si famam et fidem Sickii vindicaturus, opuscula
 5 hæcce edenda desideras, trans mitte ad me, et ego curam illorum sedulo suscipiam.

Reliqua ejus MSS. uti *Paralipomena Historiæ Saracenicæ* in Folio etc. etc. lubentissime, si venirent, emerem.

10 Ego jam omnia arbitrio et gratiæ tuæ permitto, non dubius, quin pro singulari illo, quo me peregrinum olim complectebaris amore, me hac in parte adjuves, paria, si unquam detur occasio, officia a me repetiturus. Indica pariter quid egregii vel ipse in
 15 Literis excudas, vel publico parent Docta Cantabrigiæ capita. Resciscam ut valet Episcopus Morus, D. Covellius, Etsthonus, Jamesius, Barnesius, Broeksbankius, Laughtonus, Cœtsius, Westothonius, Perkinsius, Davisius, Needhamus, Washius, et cæteri
 20 Musarum Tutores. Plurimam Uxori Tuæ Nobilissimæ salutem, plaustis gratiarum onustam, imperti. Salveant Patroni omnes atque Amici Cantabrigienses. Longum vale, charissimum Musis caput, Literatique Orbis delitium, et publico bono canesce. Vale et me
 25 ama. Dabam Hafniæ d. XV. Octobr. CIOIÖCCXII.

My direction is,

To Mr. Tygge Wegerslow,

Danish Consul at London,

in Welclose-square, near the Danish Church,
 at London.

Or to direct it upon Hambourg,
at Copenhagen.

The Reverend DR. BENTLEY,
Master and Head of TRINITY COLLEDG, in
CAMBRIDGE.

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QUEEN'S *Library-keeper and Chapellain to her*
MAJESTE of GREAT BRITAIN,
at CAMBRIDGE.

CLXIV.

VIRO DOCTISSIMO LONGEQUE CELEBERRIMO
RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D. FR. BURMANNUS. 10

MITTO Tibi, Bentleyi politissime, has meas in
Harmoniam Evangelicam Meditationes, Belgice, in
gratiam hujus imprimis Ecclesiæ, conscriptas. Quas
ita velim accipias, ut veram grati et memoris animi
testificationem, quo etiamnum mecum recolo et sæpe 15
apud alios deprædico singularem illam benignitatem,
qua me, ante hos decem annos in Anglia vestra pere-
grinantem, excepisti, et ad insignes multa eruditione
viros ipsaque Musarum Adyta introduxisti.

Pudibunde quidem hanc meam opellam ad Te 20
mitto, cujus limatissimum judicium agnosco, et re-
formidarem etiam, nisi me ab eo adjutum iri, in tam
arduo molimine, considerem. Per Te enim satis ag-
noscis, Vir Celeberrime, quanti laboris sit insignes
illas difficultates, quæ in stabiliendis Harmoniæ 25
Principiis ubivis occurrunt, superare, et veram Me-
thodum, ad quam Evangeliorum quatuor narratio

exigenda sit, invenire. Tentavi tamen sedulo, et
 viam quodammodo novam ingressus sum, ut sepositis
 omnium Harmonicorum Scriptorum Hypothesibus,
 singulos Evangelistas seorsim examinarem primum,
 5 et qua quisque in scribendo utatur Methodo, erue-
 rem. Post quæ demum de digerenda Harmonia cogi-
 tandum putavi: id quod in secunda Parte, si Deus
 adsit, aggrediar. Tu, Vir Celeberrime, diligenter ve-
 lim singula examines, ut, si quid cespitaverim, Te
 10 duce in viam redire, et, si quid habes ad perficiendam
 Harmoniam, cujus omnium Christianorum interest,
 adjumenti, a tuo favore impetrare liceat.

Diu quæsivi Whistoni vestratis Harmoniam, et
 Bibliopolis nostris meo ære coemendam imperavi, sed
 15 semper sibi rescriptum dicebant, eam apud vos jam-
 dudum esse distractam. Nunc a quodam Anglo
 audiui, me facile hac cariturum, quoniam Harmo-
 niam omnem magis evertere quam stabilire satagit.
 Quid ejus rei sit a Te erudiri volupe esset: sin vero
 20 usibus meis inserviturum judicares, maximam a me
 inires gratiam, si meo mihi ære hunc Librum ven-
 dices, et per Bibliopolas vestros ad Wetsteinos cu-
 res, quibus dissolvam quod pro eo expensum fuerit.

Adeone verum est Sikium sibi necem conscivisse?
 25 Quibus furiis agitated tantum scelus perpetravit, cui
 jam in re lauta et splendida esse licebat? Vix famæ,
 quæ valde incerta ad me pervenit, credidi.

Videbis ex mea Præfatione, quam atram de Spi-
 nozismo calumniam Clericus ille tuus, homo plumbeus,
 30 a Limburgio Coll^a in Patrem olim meum eructatam,
 et a me dudum falsi convictam, in Oratione Funebri
 iterum evomuerit. Quam insignem injuriam præter-
 ire non potui. Eadem vero occasione plagium in-

signe Literarium, quod in Harmonia sua commisit, quæ tota quanta est Richardsoni, et sex Septem crassissimos in Geographia S. errores detego. Is homo Theologiæ Professionem, quæ Limburgii fuerat, ambiens, pulchre repulsam tulit, a suis rejectus ob 5 heterodoxiam, et lepidis quibusdam viris similis, ab ipsis, ut aiunt gregalibus, omnium ludibrio est expositus. Sed nugarum satis.

Vivitne Newtonus Celeberrimus, nec ne? Si vivat oro ut multa eum salute, meo nomine, impertias. In 10 eruendo Libani Situ, *Maunderelli* descriptione usus sum, quam [Reveren]dus [Auctor] ad me misit, sibi per doctissimum *Massonium* [ad me.] procuratam. Si per Te scire possem viverentne Maunderellus et Massonus, ubique degerent terrarum, ad eos Libri mei 15 exemplar mitterem. Indignam quidem tuo conspectu Elegiam meam puto, at tamen, ut spero, Poeseos meæ primitias non omnino spernes. Hoc enim anno primum hoc impetu sum captus occasione Septimi Pueri mihi nati ut ex adjecto Carmine videbis. Vale, Doctis- 20 sime Bentleyi, et me amare perge.

D. Amst. A. D. III. Non. Decb. CICICCCXII.

Viro Doctissimo, longeque Celeberrimo

RICHARDO BENTLEIO, COLLEGII SS. TRINITATIS

apud CANTABRIGIENSES Magistro, Bibliothecæ

Regiæ, quæ LONDINI est, Bibliothecario &c.

Cum Libro.

LONDINUM.

CLXV.

Thomas Bateman to Richard Bentley.

LONDON, 23 Dec. 1712.

SIR,

I REFER you to my last concerning your money-matters, and now desire to know by the first
5 post the state of the differences that have been so long depending in your College; here being a Report that all are entirely made up, and settled; I am very desirous to know the Truth, and pray let me have every circumstance about it in as clear and particu-
10 lar a manner as may be, assuring you that in the use of it, I have only your Service in View, which makes me very willing to be furnished with every thing so fully, as not to be at a loss to answer any Query, nor to explain any fact, or circumstance.

15 I am, with all Sincerity,

Sir, your affectionate faithful Servant,

THO. BATEMAN.

To the Rev. DR. BENTLEY,

Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,

in CAMBRIDGE.

CLXVI.

Richard Bentley to Thomas Bateman.

Xt.mas Day [1712].

DEAR SIR,

IN yours received last night, you mention a report you have met with, that all the differences that have been so long depending in our College, are 5 entirely made up and settled. Of this, your desire to know every circumstance in as clear and particular a manner as may be.

In 1699, when there was a Commission of Bishops for Ecclesiastical Preferments, I was, without my 10 seeking or knowing it, recommended by them unanimously to the King, as the only person qualified to restore the low and decayed state of that once truly Royal and flourishing Society. I found the College filled (for the most part) with ignorant, drunken, lewd 15 Fellows and Scholars; but in the course of about nine years, (wherein I had chosen forty new Fellows, and had quite a new race of Scholars), we were grown to that deserved fame for discipline, learning, numbers of gentry, improvements of revenue, of pub- 20 lic buildings, as Chapel, Lodge, Library, Astronomical Observatory, Chymical Laboratory, &c., that we became the envy, not only of our own, but of the other University.

They begun to be apprehensive, that (if things 25 went on a little further) all the Quality would come to us; that all the Professorships of the University would be engrossed by us; that we were grown like

an University within ourselves, having within our own walls better instruments, and lectures for Astronomy, Experimental Philosophy, Chymistry, &c., than Leyden, Utrecht, or any University could shew.

5 By the example of our College, the whole youth of the University took a new spring of industry, Oriental learning was cultivated, Mathematicks was brought to that height, that the questions disputed in the Schools were quite of another set than were
10 ever heard there before. And the Publick Press (which had lately been projected and founded solely by myself, and purchased and endowed solely by my friends) was full of learned books in several languages and sciences.

15 At that time, having convincing reasons to apprehend, that, at my leaving the College, all would relapse again; I laboured to find out what could be the reason, the *prima mali labes*, that this College, which, from its foundation to the time of the Civil
20 Wars, had outshone all the rest; and at one time had eight Bishops that had been educated there; should, since the Restoration, have sunk below the meanest Hall; so that there was not at that time one Bishop, but one Dean and two Prebendaries, of Trinity Col-
25 lege. And I found the cause of all this mischief were two grand deviations from the meaning and directions of our Statutes, which had crept in at that time.

One was, the proportioning of the Dividends of
30 money, not according to academical degrees, but mere age and standing; which had these two ill effects: That there had not been a Doctor or Bachelor's of Divinity's Degree regularly taken for above

20 years, and that the governing part of the College (the 8 Seniors) must necessarily be the refuse of the House, like old benchers in an Inn of Court.

The second was, that whereas the Master, by the Statutes, had his whole revenue paid him in money, 5 and with that kept his own house by himself; in progress of time, when, upon the alteration of the value of money, the salaries of fellows and masters were increased, this only College in England did not advance the Master's money, but for equivalent gave 10 him the expenses of his house in bread, beer, firing &c., at discretion, which always exposed the Masters to the clamours of any Malecontents: This I would have reduced to money, in proportion.

Of these and other matters you will find a large 15 and exact account in a sixpenny book, published about 3 years ago, *The Present State of Trinity College, in a letter of Dr. Bentley to the Bishop of Ely*. Every paragraph of which (I give you my word and oath) is exactly fact and truth. 20

To return: I could not think I had discharged my duty as Master, till I had tried my utmost efforts to accomplish these two points. And we were at the point of concluding them by the consent of all (for I had so managed that 50 of our present College were 25 manifest gainers by them, and none of the rest losers), when, *heu nefas heu!* at that very time the Parliament Factions overtook us; and a wicked wretch, with a design to bring over some votes to him (which however failed him in the event) offered his purse, 30 pains, and interest of his party (who were for ejecting Mr. Windsor) to defeat these designs and hinder my proceeding in them.

'Twas under his advice and conduct, That they went to tamper me with accusations of misgovernment; no matter if true or false, the prosecution would be long and tedious; and in the interval my
 5 hands would be tied. And accordingly a long roll of above fifty articles of charge against me was drawn up solely by this wretch, and subscribed by others even without reading, and carried, forsooth, to the Bishop of Ely, as Visitor of the Master. Articles as
 10 false as silly, that, if the reverse of every one of them is not true, and if (when I can be heard) I do not shew that every thing laid as a crime is a benefaction and part of merit, I'll voluntarily render up my Patent to Her Majesty the next hour.

15 As a specimen of them, I am to be expelled for repairing the College Chapel, which had been ordered, finished, and paid for by the whole authority of the House, and to which I contributed of my private money £300.

20 The Astronomical Observatory is another charge for expulsion. The commodiousest building for that use in Christendom, and, without charging the college, paid for by me and my friends. The Bishop himself (who received this as an article) having given £10
 25 to it.

These you'll say are surprising; but our poor drunkards here were induced to subscribe such stuff, upon a notion that the Bishop was Visitor of me alone, and though the whole accusation was found false
 30 and malicious, he could not punish them for it at all. But the Bishop, who at that time was so potent with the Ministry, thought he had a fair opportunity of getting the whole under his power, and refused to

accept the articles, unless they would own him Visitor of the whole College.

This, though it startled our tribe here at first, was over the bottle complied with; and upon assurance of favour, or impunity at least, they signed the charge 5 new copied, and under their hands gave him the whole visitatorial power, exclusive of the Crown. After this no means were left untried to induce me to own his usurped authority: I had messages sent me, that a hair of my head should not be hurt, and 10 that he knew he must acquit me with the greatest eulogium of any Master since the foundation: I, who had rather have thrown up the Mastership than leave that blot on my name to posterity, that in my time the College sunk from Royal to Episcopal, spun out 15 the time so long that providentially for this House, Her Majesty changing Her measures and Her ministry, I, by a petition, apprized Her Majesty of what was projecting and acting against Her just right and title.

Since that, you well know, that the Queen's 20 Council have declared, under their hands, that Her Majesty is general Visitor, and by Her broad seal may cancell that dubious statute, on which the Bishop founds his jurisdiction over the Master, never challenged by any of his predecessors since the Statutes 25 of Queen Elizabeth.

You know, too, that the Bishop was inhibited from proceeding till Her Majesty's further pleasure should be signified to him; and that ever since She has been hindered from looking into our affairs, by a long 30 train of the most important negotiations that ever this nation transacted.

And, to come now to your question, if all our differences are entirely made up, God forbid that Her

Majesty should drop this matter without finishing
 and executing it, lest, perhaps, at some other juncture,
 Her title here be invaded and lost, and so the
 Crown be quite excluded (for this is her sole College
 5 here,) from one of her Universities. If you mean
 only peace at home, whether we live here peaceably
 together, assure yourself, there is *nihil facilius*. We
 dispatch all leases, elections, &c., in the lobby, with
 the same familiarity as formerly. There is none of
 10 them that hates me personally. I am neither covetous,
 nor revengeful, nor insolent. They were drawn
 into this scrape by a juncture of circumstances, which
 they wish had never happened. They believe, if the
 Queen takes cognizance of our matters, I shall prove,
 15 at last, their best intercessor; so that from the beginning
 of the quarrel, they have not detained from
 my usual perquisites the value of a farthing. And
 last October, as you know already, they turned old
 Stubbs, the principal in the Subscription, out of the
 20 Vice-mastership, and chose, by my nomination, one
 Dr. Smith, which was looked upon by the whole
 University as a renouncing of the former quarrel.
 And even poor Stubbs retired out of College to
 London, that he might not be the head of the party
 25 here, and had he thought there was *locus pœnitentiæ*,
 would have made his submission to me. In a word,
 if I am thought worthy of being owned by our Mæcenas,
 there will not be a month's space, before the
 affair of this House will be unanimously referred to
 30 Her Majesty's commands, how dividends, &c., shall
 go for the future.

Yours affectionately,

R. BENTLEY.

CXLVI.

Thomas Bateman to Richard Bentley.

LONDON, 30 Dec. 1712.

SIR,

I RECEIVED yours with the State of your College, which is very full, and I have been enabled by it to give great Satisfaction in some Inquiries that 5 have been made, and I have not been wanting, nor will be, to make the account as useful to you as is in my power; and I cannot but wish what you mention at the Close of it may be soon effected, viz. the Unanimous Reference of it to her Majesty, and the sub- 10 mitting the whole to her settlement and determination. This will be a publick service and may intitle any one to favour, who influences in it, and brings it about; and I doubt not but you'll believe whom I wish to congratulate upon it, and that,

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I am, Sir,

Your affectionate faithful Servant,

T. B.

My wife sends you her Service and pray hers and mine to your Lady.

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To the Rev. DR. BENTLEY,

Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,

in CAMBRIDGE.

CLXVII.

*Thomas Bateman to Richard Bentley.*LONDON, 20 Jan. 17 $\frac{1}{3}$.

SIR,

I HAVE yours of the 17th, and did understand your last in the sense you now write; but for very
 5 good reasons was desirous, as I am still, that what you mentioned for your College to do, might in the first place be brought to bear, if possible. But if it cannot be done, 'tis in vain to press it; however, give me leave to propose this way to you: that if it
 10 be not proper for yourself at present to move first in it, it be set on foot by one or more of the Fellows that you can best confide in, and that are capable of managing such a matter; for if it be feasible at all, and that there be an inclination in the Fellows to
 15 come into the Scheme you mentioned, one would think that they should not be for slipping any time, nor for putting it on the Issue of the Preferments that are depending.

You'll excuse me if I mistake the least in this
 20 matter, or urge what you judge impracticable, seeing it proceeds from my Zeal to have you the Instrument of having your College settled in the best method, and provided with the best Statutes; and no time, perhaps, could happen so lucky for it as this, now
 25 that Christ Church is in the greatest confusion, and the flame breaking out there with violence, by the imperious, absolute way and temper of their Head.

I cannot, therefore, but think, that it would be

reckoned a very acceptable piece of Service, and would be a glorious Precedent, could you now effect a secure Settlement at your College; for which I repeat my wishes and importunity, and am,

Sir,

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Your affectionate faithful Servant,

T. B.

To the Rev. DR. BENTLEY,

Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,

in CAMBRIDGE.

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CLXVIII.

Richard Bentley to Thomas Bateman.

Jan. 27, 17 $\frac{1}{3}$.

DEAR SIR,

UPON the receipt of your Last, which pressed so earnestly a Present experiment, I sent for Dr. Smith, our Vice-master, and acquainted him with 15 the Proposal. He, upon hearing it, had no other expectation of the event than I had; yet, at my desire, undertook to sift all the Seniors about it as privately as might be, and one after another. After three days, he came to my Study and gave me an 20 Account. I proposed it to them, says he, severally, as my own Opinion and Advice, and offered to come in the First. The answers of All were, that it was a business of great consequence, which they could not determine either way without consulting their 25 Friends; and so the matter rests under deliberation.

One of them added, That it was too great a thing for private Fellows of a College to resolve on; If the Archbishop of York should advise them to do so, perhaps they might come into it: but if it come from
 5 the Master, it was to be suspected.

He told me further, that he found there were two persuasions among them; which he foresaw would hinder their present Compliance. One was, that the matter would be at last sent back to the Bishop of
 10 Ely; and the other, that the Court certainly designed to give me some Bishopric, and remove me. So that, say they, to resign up all now to the Queen under our Hands, is only to saddle ourselves for the next Master to ride us.

15 I told you before, that till they either found in fact, or fully believed, that the Court was in earnest, they would go on in this state of neutrality. And those two stories are industriously given out by the Bishop's Agents, to buoy them up; and depend on't,
 20 those *Friends* they talk of consulting with, will be those very Agents.

These very Seniors that were thus asked, are such a parcel of stupid drunken Sots, that the like are not in the whole kingdom: they are the Scab, the
 25 Ulcers, the Abhorrence of the whole University. Pray ask Mr. Paul Foley (if you know him), who has been here the last week, what their Characters are, even among their own party. I must own my Indignation, to see Majesty, and Power, and Right,
 30 have the least regard or consideration for such cabbage-stalks.

But if their Compliance be of such present consequence as your Letter seems to imply: besides his

Grace of York, I believe Mr. Thomas Sclater, a neighbouring Gentleman, once of our College, who is now at London, and known to my Lord Treasurer, might easily effect it, if He came among them, and was empowered to remove from them those T[wo] ⁵ Persuasions, which I and the Vice-master, you may be sure, as things are so dark, neither can nor ought to do. I hope to see you by the middle of next month, which is my time of waiting.

Yours, 10

R. B.

For THOMAS BATEMAN, *Esquire,*
at WHITEHALL.

CLXIX.

Sir Isaac Newton and Dr. Bentley
to Professor Cotes.

LONDON, 5 March, 171 $\frac{2}{3}$.

SIR,

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I SENT you by last Tuesday's post the last sheet of the Principia, and told you that the cut for the Comet of 1680 was going to be rolled off. But we want the page where it is to be inserted in the book. I think the page is 462 or 463. Pray send ²⁰ me which it is, that it may be graved upon the Plate, for directing the bookbinder where to insert it.

I am,

Your most humble Servant,

IS. NEWTON. 25

I HAVE Sir Isaac's leave to remind you of what you and I were talking of, an alphabetical index, and a preface in your own name. If you please to draw them up ready for the press, to be
 5 printed after my return to Cambridge, you will oblige,

Yours,

R. BENTLEY.

For the Rnd MR. ROGER COTES,

Professor of Astronomy,

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at his Chamber in TRINITY COLLEGE,

in CAMBRIDGE.

[This direction is in Newton's handwriting].

CLXX.

Professor Cotes to Dr. Bentley.

March 10th, 171 $\frac{2}{3}$.

SIR,

15 I RECEIVED what you wrote to me in Sir Isaac's letter. I will set about the index in a day or two. As to the preface, I should be glad to know from Sir Isaac with what view he thinks proper to have it written. You know the book has been re-
 20 ceived abroad with some disadvantage; and the cause of it may easily be guess'd at: The *Commercium Epistolicum*, lately published by order of the R. Society, gives such indubitable proof of Mr. Leibnitz's want of candour, that I shall not scruple in the least
 25 to speak out the full truth of the matter, if it be thought convenient. There are some pieces of his

looking this way, which deserve a censure, as his *Tentamen de Motuum Cœlestium Causis*. If Sir Isaac is willing that something of this nature may be done, I should be glad if, whilst I am making the index, he would be pleased to consider of it, and put down a few notes of what he thinks most material to be insisted on. This I say upon supposition that I write the preface myself. But I think it will be much more advisable that you or he, or both of you, should write it whilst you are in town. You may depend upon it that I will own it, and defend it as well as I can, if hereafter there be occasion.

I am, Sir, &c.

To DR. BENTLEY.

CLXXI.

Dr. Bentley to Professor Cotes.

At SIR ISAAC NEWTON'S, March 12. 15

DEAR SIR,

I COMMUNICATED your letter to Sir Isaac, who happen'd to make me a visit this morning, and we appointed to meet this evening at his house, and there to write you an answer. For the close of your letter, which proposes a preface to be drawn up here, and to be fathered by you, we will impute it to your modesty; but you must not press it further, but go about it yourself.

For the subject of the preface: you know it must be to give an account, first, of the work itself; 2dly,

of the improvements of the new edition; and then you have Sir Isaac's consent to add what you think proper about the controversy of the first invention. You yourself are full master of it, and want no hints
 5 to be given you: However, when it is drawn up, you shall have his and my judgment to suggest anything that may improve it.

'Tis both our opinions to spare the *name* of M. Leibnitz, and abstain from all words or epithets of
 10 reproach: for else that will be the reply, not that it's untrue, but that it's rude and uncivil. Sir Isaac presents his service to you.

I am yours,

R. BENTLEY.

15 *For* MR. ROGER COTES,
Professor of Astronomy at TRINITY COLLEGE,
in CAMBRIDGE.

CLXXII.

CLARISSIMO ATQUE ERUDITISSIMO VIRO
 RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D. JAC. PERIZONIUS.

20 ROGAVI nuper Bukleium, Londinensem Typographum, quum in his terris ageret, ut Dissertationem Meam de Gravi Ære Veterum meo nomine tibi traderet. Utrum acceperis, ignoro. Nec miror, quum et superiora mea cum literis meis ad Te missa
 25 utrum ad Tuas manus pervenerint, juxta cum ignarissimis sciam, licet de eo non dubitem.

Consequens nunc erat, ut, ad quem mihi istam

Dissertationem etiam hanc Responsionem ad Lud. Kusteri Diatriben de Verbo *Cernere*, qua me prior aggressus est, ablegarem. Inserta est integra Notis meis ad Sanctii Minervam, sed quæ vix post duos menses in publicum denuo prodibit. Idcirco paucis-⁵ sima ejus exemplaria mihi separatim excudi curavi, ut, qui vellent, in antecessione eam ad se missam legere possent. Vale, et si videtur, me ama. Lugduni in Batavis a. d. 1X. Kal. Jun. 1713.

CLXXIII.

VIRO ILLUSTRIS RICHARDO BENTLEIO
HADRIANUS RELANDUS S.

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QUUM primum ad ædes meas ab nescio quo (eram enim in suburbano) delata sunt hæc excerpta ex Abulfeda, mirabor nihil literarum iis fuisse additum, sic ut ignorem omnino de qua illa sint biblio-¹⁵ theca, aut quis excerpta Anglica ex alio geographo addiderit.

Nunc ea gratus remitto postquam omnia quæ ad Palæstinam facientia in usus meos converti posse videbantur descripsi. Versabantur operæ typogra-²⁰ phicæ quum hæc accepi in descriptionem Ascalonis, ubi prima MS^{ti} Abulfedæ et tui, cujus beneficio ille ad me pervenit, facta est a me mentio.

Nuper incidi in involucrum membranaceum libri cujusdam mei haud magni pretii, quod deprehendi²⁵ partem continere lib. v. Tusculanarum Ciceronis. Illic populo *malo* legebatur pro populo *vano* quod

tibi placuit in ingeniosissimis tuis emendationibus. Illud porro *credebat se eorum nemini* ita hic legitur.

Quam primum Palæstina mea lucem adspiciet curabo exemplum ad te deferri: quod an hoc anno futurum sit, vix equidem scio. Vale, vir Illustrissime, et me amare perge. Trajecti Batavorum, a. d. IV. Jun. CIOIOCCXIII.

P. S. Si, quod suspicor, Ch. Ockley excerpta ex Scherif ibn Ieris addiderit, velim ei gratias meo nomine agi. Verum habebam illum Geographum Arababice et Latine.

CLXXIV.

VIRO CELEBERRIMO ET REVERENDO

RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D. P. BURMANNUS.

IN procinctu itineris stans ornatissimus hic juvenis, vix mihi scribendi literas spatium concedit, tribus tamen verbis tibi significare volui, me tanta voluptate perfusum esse ex Horatianis tuis notis, ut hinc nata fuerit minor hæc editio quæ heri demum absoluta fuit: itaque incomposita, sicut est, ad te ablegatur.

Ne quæso ægre feras, me non in omnibus tuam expressisse, cum salva amicitia in his rebus dissentire liceat: plurima tamen a te emendata, feliciter sane et divine, videbis a me retenta. Vale, vir Reverende, et me ama. Trajecti Batav. a. d. XVIII. Junii CIOIOCCXIII.

CLXXV.

Richard Bentley to Thomas Bateman.

TRIN. COLLEGE, *July 12, 1713.*

DEAR SIR,

I AM indebted to you for one letter since I came hither, which gave an account of the mandamus affair in the Queen's Bench. There was no need of 5 urging a command, when I had signified I was ready to attend his Visitation, and the sooner the better. Accordingly, I sent an answer (the first post, after I came hither) to every article, closing the whole with this: That these answers, with much more matter 10 and proof, I was ready to make good, when both parties were called to a personal and final hearing: and though the accusers would know what they had to say, and I not; yet I was willing to venture my final sentence upon each article, on which I should 15 then say and prove ex tempore.

This was received by the Bishop; but yet no time is set, nor method of trial fixed; but instead of joining issue in a personal hearing, (as Statute, University Custom, and the thing itself requires), he indulges 20 them in whatever delays they ask; as making exceptions, replications, &c., in writing, which are all impertinent and waste paper, whenever the personal hearing comes. Is not this a hopeful cause, when the defendant presses to join Issue, and the accusers 25 fence, and dodge, and stave off the trial?

But I hope when he comes to Ely, about the end of the month, he'll end the matter before winter.

Otherwise, I must either sue for a mandamus, as they did; or complain again to the Court and Ministry. I am glad to hear that there is money allowed by Parliament to clear the debts of the Civil
 5 list; and that you will be so good a solicitor, that I shall not be the last who are paid their arrears.

But the main design of this is, to desire you could call, or send your order to your namesake Christopher Bateman's in Pater Noster Row, and there receive a
 10 Dutch Horace, Ch. Magna, and bound, and 2 copies of the new edition of Sir Isaac Newton's Mathematics (which is printed at my charge). And that you would, with my humble service, present the Horace, and one of the Newtons, to my Lord Treasurer; and
 15 send the other Newton, in my name, to my Lord Chief Justice Trevor. I hope your family and your neighbours are in health; to whom, the most humble service of,

Sir,

20 Your obliged and affectionate friend,

RI. BENTLEY.

Prithee see, at the end of the preface of Mr. Cotes, our Astronomy Professor, one of the finest young men of Europe, what character is given of me
 25 there, "in Sir Isaac's Book."

For THOMAS BATEMAN, *Esquire,*
in SCOTLAND YARD, LONDON.

CLXXVI.

Dr. Bentley to the Bishop of Ely.

TRIN. COLL. Aug. 3, 1713.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, JOHN,
 LORD BISHOP OF ELY, VISITOR, upon the 40th
 Chapter of the Statutes of Trinity College, in
 Cambridge, intituled, "De Magistri, si res exigat, 5
 amotione" &c.

RIGHT REV^d,

ON Saturday, the 25th of July last past, I
 received by the hands of Mr. Morgan, your Lord-
 ship's Chaplain, some Papers, pretended to be The 10
 Representation or the Replication of many of the
 Fellows of Trinity College, upon the several Answers
 given by me, Richard Bentley, Master of the said
 College, to 54 Articles of Accusation.

My Lord, there's not any command in writing, 15
 under your Lordship's Hand, nor any Verbal order
 to me (as Mr. Morgan, being asked, acknowledged)
 to make a reply to it. And I humbly conceive, since
 it has no Names subscribed to it; since the principal
 persons among the Accusers confess it was made 20
 without their commission, direction, or knowledge;
 since they own it not to be Theirs, nor will stand to
 any Affirmations in it; That its mere loss of Labour
 and Time, to answer such a Paper.

However, to shew my Readiness to comply with 25

any Thing that your Lordship may but seem to expect from me, I humbly offer the following Answer.

I observe, That the pretended Representation has
 5 no Proof of any Fact whatever; and very seldom or never specifies any thing, where any former Article was a mere General. So that we are no further than we were before. No New Light is given to the Merits of the Cause, either for your Lordship to
 10 make a Judgment, or for Me to make a Defence.

The Perpetual Cavils at each of my former Answers, run all along upon two Epithets, INSUFFICIENT or UNTRUE.

Where an Article consists of several Propositions
 15 relating to the same Affair, and are therefore answered by Me in one General Negative; then the word of Exception is INSUFFICIENT. And the reason given is, that I did not repeat every word of the Article, with a particular No to each: whereas, in Common
 20 sense, an Universal Negative must needs have the same force as if all the words had been repeated, and severally denied. It had been needless trouble to Your Lordship and to me, to read and write over again, what already lay before you: and it must
 25 needs appear mere Chicanery to make such Exceptions.

When an Article has but one Proposition, and that is denied in my Answer; then the word of exception is UNTRUE; and the Reason added is, That
 30 either They are able to prove their Assertion, or that I have not proved mine. What Impertinence! Is their saying they are able to prove, to have the force

of a Proof? Or am I to prove my Assertion first, before the Accusers produce Theirs?

The only matters of Fact added, or Generals now specified in this pretended Representation, are (to my best observation) these following:— 5

In the IIIrd, That I made a false suggestion to the Seniors, that the Late Duke of Gloucester was to come to the College. In the IXth, that Dr. Barrow refused a Dispensation to marry, out of Scruple of Conscience. In the Xth, that none of my 10 Predecessors had other things in Kind, than Bread, Small Beer, Coals and Linen: That the College refused to mend Dr. North's Windows, or to exchange with him a Barrel of Ale, for as much of Small Beer. In the XXXVIIIth, That Mr. Felton, Mr. Whit- 15 worth, and Mr. Corbiere, were chosen or admitted Fellows unstatutably.

These are all that I can observe to be added in this tedious Representation; and every one of these (when the Visitation comes) I shall so fully refute, 20 that the most implacable Malice, or resolved Perjury shall have nothing to say to them.

My Lord,—The Close of my Answers, which affects, explains, and qualifies them all, is in These words. 25

These Answers, with much more matter and proof, I am ready to make good, when both Parties shall be called to a Personal and Final Hearing.

I writ my Answers with This Condition, and Your Lordship has so accepted Them. And there's not 30 any Exception to this Paragraph, in the whole Representation. What remains, therefore, but a Personal and Final Hearing; since all the Parties plainly

acquiesce in it: I, in offering that Condition; Your Lordship, in accepting it; and the Accusers, in not excepting against it?

I am, with all Duty and Submission,

5 Your Lordship's most obedient Humble Servant,
RI. BENTLEY.

CLXXVII.

Ricardo Benteio Joannes Anglicanus.

Dat. BATHONIÆ, Oct. 19th, 1713.

DIGNISSIME,

CUM tu non solum reipublicæ literariæ, verum
10 etiam Anglicanæ Ecclesiæ grande decus et præsidium
merito extas, has ad te dedi, ut summis viribus enixe
contenderes ne quid detrimenti capiat religio Prote-
stantium; non enim te latet, qui tantam doctrinæ
copiam animo complecteris, quanta malitia, quanto
15 sudore Papicolæ cuniculos agunt, ut Anglorum liber-
tatem legesque senatusconsulto latas constitutasque
subruant, evertant, et confundant. En ipsi homines,
qui in verba imperiumque Annæ jurare abnegarunt,
superbo quodam fastu subitam nobis minitari ruinam
20 non erubescunt.

At, vir doctissime, nonne Vos decet, qui doctrinam
bonis moribus adornatis, eloquium et conciones in
tales perduelles exercere? Academiæ sunt quasi lu-
mina hujus gentis; et, siquid gloriæ et saluti consu-
25 lant, tam in Papistas quam in Calvinistas æquale
certe debent odium exhibere. At his dubiis tempori-

bus, unde Romæ fautores ansam consilia periculosa agitandi arripuere, major cura adhibenda est, ne iterum Papæ dominatio per Patriam nostram reflorescat et abundet. Quis enim istius religionis cursum reprimeret, si potentia Galliæ Hispaniæque, junctis 5 viribus, nos quoque Romano Jugo supponere tentaret? unde auxilium, nisi a cœlo, peteremus?

Germania incursus Gallorum timet, Batavia, olim fida Britanniae comes, nescit quid agat, aut quo se vortat. Plus ab illis, qui speciem amicitiae præ se 10 ferunt metuit illa respublica, quam ab ipsis Hostibus, quibus diuturnum bellum incidit: tutamen itaque a nobismet-ipsis petendum est; factio Jacobitica, quæ spem novarum rerum fovet ex iris dissensionibusque procerum, debellanda est; illi conspiratores cupiunt 15 regnum sceleris prædam facere; et, cum sint perditissimi tam re quam moribus, e ruinis Academiae, Ecclesiae, et fortunarum omnium, optant opes et dignitatem sibi conciliare; Hinc audent illam Illustrem familiam, quæ autoritate legum Britannicum impe- 20 rium est susceptura, opprobriis apertis onerare notamque infamiae successionem inurere; Proh Pudor! Proh Dolor! quod hæc perfidia impune agitur forsitan illi nobiles, qui clavum imperii, summumque rerum administrant, gravioribus versantur studiis, nec 25 unquam audiunt, quot libelli, pleni prodicione et audacia, undique in vulgus eduntur, et in ore manibusque omnium versantur.

At utcunque res se habet inter Aulicos, Doctorum et religiosorum est fidem Juramenti observare, Regi- 30 nam colere, amare, et defendere, et, cum jam præcipue omnia stant in præcipiti, cavere et providere oportet, ne ullus in successionem Hanoverianam Im-

petus fiat; Deus omnia bene vertat, sed non possum non dolere, quod tanta securitas, tamquam gravis somnus, obrepsit. Audi sermones popelli, circumspice Europæ Britanniaëque statum, perlege libellos
 5 qui quotidie e prælis fervent, mecum timebis, mecum facies; et ea linguæ facundia, eo ingenii flumine, ea scribendi facultate, quæ omnia intellexi ex Horatio nuperime edito in te sita esse, in Hostes domi forisque utere: vale. Tuus,

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JOHANNES ANGLICANUS.

*For the Reverend DR. BENTLEY,
 Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,
 in CAMBRIDGE.*

By the way of London.

CLXXVIII.

15 VIRO ILLUSTRIS ET AMICISSIMO RICHARDO BENTLEIO
 S. D. LUDOLPHUS KUSTERUS.

Non dubito quin jam a longo tempore impatienter expectaveris literas meas, quibus de rerum mearum statu certior fieres. Scias igitur (quamvis id
 20 procul dubio fama jam acceperis) me hic ad sinum veræ et antiquæ Ecclesiæ, quæ vulgo Catholica vocatur, rediisse: ad quod faciendum plures, æque graves me impulerunt rationes, quas hoc loco attingere non adtinet.

25 Vitam hic vivo multo jucundiorē et suaviorem quam antea in Hollandia; cum propter politos et cultos Gallorum mores; tum etiam propter Regis erga

me liberalitatem. Nam pauci sunt dies, ex quo Rex Serenissimus duo millia Librarum Francicarum annua mihi donavit; quæ (si valor pecuniæ Francicæ ad pristinum modum redactus fuerit) summam 150 librarum Sterling. excedunt. Adhæc adscriptus sum Sociis Regiæ Inscriptionum Academiæ; unde post breve tempus mille Libræ annuæ ad priorem summam accedent. Desponsa mihi etiam est cathedra Professoria, primum vacatura: cum qua itidem honorarium non spernendum conjunctum est. 10

Multum vero debeo favori Illustrissimi Abbatis Bignonii, viri et ab ingenii morumque cultu, et eruditionis laude commendatissimi. Hic de Horatio tuo, cujus exemplar per Stoshium ipsi misisti, magnifice sentit. Dixit mihi etiam, se ad Te scripsisse, sed responsum nondum accepisse. Ne quæso officium scribendi diutius differas, ne amicitiam ejus parum facere videaris. 15

Pactionem hic inii cum bibliopolis de Hesychio edendo. Quare oro te, ut symbolam tuam in istum Scriptorem quamprimum expedias, et per juvenem aliquem, ex Anglia in has terras profecturum, ad me mittas. Hæc habui in præsens scribenda, plura in posterum. Saluta amicos. Vale, Vir Amicissime, et me amare perge. 25

LUTETIÆ PARISIORUM, d. 23 Nov. St. N. 1713.

P. S. Be pleased to direct to me your letters thus: A' Monsieur, Monsieur Kuster, de l'Académie Royale des Inscriptions, au College du Cardinal le Moine, rue S. Victor, à Paris. 30

To Mr. Bignon thus: A' Monsieur, Monsieur l'Abbé Bignon, Conseiller d'Etat ordinaire, à Paris.

Mr. Bignon hath allowed me, that I may acquaint
 al my friends, to direct to him theirs letters, which
 they write to me, that they may cost me notting.
 For he pays no post of letters. So if you pleaseth
 5 you may alwais make a cover about yours letters to
 me, and direct them to Mons. Bignon: of which I
 desire you to acquaint also my other friends, who wil
 write to me by the post.

A Monsieur, Monsieur BENTLEY,
 10 *Maître du COLLEGE de la SS. TRINITE',*
à CAMBRIDGE.

CLXXIX.

VIRO CLARISSIMO RICHARDO BENTLEIO,
 J. P. BIGNONIUS, S. P. D.

De PARIS, ce 12 Jan. 1714.

15 MEAS ad te litteras intercidisse, mihi profecto
 molestum est, vir Clarissime. Sed longe molestissi-
 mum ideo in suspicionem venisse Adolescentis illius
 Germani fidem, cui reddendi Horatii demandata a te
 provincia fuerat.

20 Reddidit sane perquam diligenter: et quod officii
 ratio postulabat, statim gratias tibi egi quam amplis-
 simas. Hujusce rei testis est Kusterus noster, testis
 et meæ erga te benevolentiae, quæ tanta est, ut si vir
 jampridem tibi conjunctissimus mecum certare velit,
 25 ipse nesciat quis pugnæ exitus futurus sit. Cum cæ-
 teris quidem omnibus ita amicitia institui solet, ut
 in dies arctior evadat.

Quam autem cum viris eruditione doctrinaque excellentibus feceris, ea statim tam altas agit radices, ut a pueris etiam inita videatur. Ex quo enim tua legendi fuit copia, quid de nova ista quam eras pollicitus Horatii editione foret expectandum obscurum 5 minime fuit: neque me mea fefellit opinio. Quam enim in cæteris auctoribus emendandis adhibuisti solertiam, parem ad Horatium attulisse te, maxima vidi cum voluptate.

Sunt tamen e nostris nonnulli, qui a te quædam 10 immutata nollent. Verum ex iis offendi neminem, qui ingenium tuum saltem non sit admiratus. Summopere igitur gaudeo, in illustrando Horatio [Terentio?] te nunc esse occupatum. Edidere jam complurimi: sed omnes si Faernum excipias, conatu parum 15 felici. Nemo tamen Guyeto nostrate infelicior, qui dum præstantissimi Critici laudem ambitiosius aucupatur, poetæ, litteris, sibi que parum consuluit. Quod enim in cæteris disciplinis, illud quoque in Critica usu venire solet, ut dum ea proferre student, quæ 20 nulli antea in mentem venisse arbitrantur, infinitis prope erroribus sint obnoxii.

Hac potissimum de causa factum est, ut nimis sibi permiserit Guyetus, vir doctus quidem, sed arcanæ metrorum rationis non satis peritus, quam tamen 25 perspectam habeat necesse est, qui Terentium aggreditur. Quare cum tot præsidiis ad illum instructus accedas, vix dubium esse potest, quin editio tua omnibus acceptissima futura sit.

Illud unum male me habet, exorari non potuisse, 30 quod a me, idque pro tuo jure, expectabas.

Equidem sunt Donati in Bibliotheca Regia nonnulli codices Manuscripti, at quos nullis precibus im-

petres, ut in exteras regiones deferantur: idque lege
cautum est. Scit Clar. Monfauconius, scit et Kus-
terus ipse, qui ambo ea de re ad te sunt scripturi, et
quorum uterque in conferendis Manuscriptis codicibus
5 suam tibi operam pollicetur. Qua uti minime sit
relligio; rem in se libenter recipient, et illis accura-
torem apud nos invenias neminem.

Alias fortasse ero fortunatior. Nam si rem ex
eventu aestimare licet, amicum me parum utilem pu-
10 tabis. Si autem tibi sit exploratum, quo erga te
animo sum affectus, paucos ex iis etiam, qui summa
tibi necessitudine sunt conjuncti, habebis, quibus sis
carior. Itaque, quantum in me erit dabo operam ut
amicitiæ te meæ nunquam poeniteat. Tua autem
15 maximo semper apud me erit in pretio. Vale, vir
clarissime.

CLXXX.

VIRO ILLUSTRIS ET AMICISSIMO, RICHARDO BENTLEIO
S. D. LUDOLPHUS KUSTERUS.

LITERAS tuas die viii. Decembr. superioris
20 anni ad me datas, accepi: quæ duplici potissimum
nomine mihi gratissimæ fuerunt. Nam et bene te
adhuc valere, et pristinae amicitiae nostræ non imme-
morem vivere, non sine voluptate ex illis perspexi.
Mutationem meam religionis te ita, ut virum amicum
25 et sapientem decet, accepisse, gaudeo.

De Hesychio probo consilium tuum. Cum Scrip-
tor iste prælum hic subierit (quod tamen nescio an

hoc anno futurum sit) mittam ad te subinde folia impressa, ut ex penu tuo annotationes meas supplere possis. Terentii Editionem a te adornari, et Illustriss. Bignonius, et ego multum gaudemus. Neque dubium est quin et omnibus aliis literarum studiosis labor tuus placiturus sit; dummodo non, quod in Horatio fecisti, in contextu Terentiano sine auctoritate MSS. quicquam mutes. Nam (ut simpliciter et amice tibi scribam, quod res est) nemo unus est, etiam eorum, qui Musis tuis favent, quin hoc factum tuum improbet. Nosti ipse, quam lubrica et anceps res sit, in emendandis veteribus Scriptoribus versari. Sæpe enim fit, ut conjectura aliqua recens mirum in modum nobis blandiatur, quæ vel brevi, vel longo tempore post nobis displicitura sit. Neque dubito, quin id ipsum in relegendo Horatio tuo nonnunquam experiaris. Quare si amicum hoc consilium in adornanda Terentii Editione sequeris, et invidia carebis, et laudis plus feres.

Nosti me edidisse Specimen concinnandi novi The-
sauri L. L. Hoc cum nuperrime in frequenti conventu Academiæ nostræ (qui bis singulis hebdomadibus habetur) prælegerem, et ad locum illum pervenissem, in quo apud Horatium *Archiacis lectis* pro *Archæicis*, recte te restituisse affirmo; illico aliquis ex Sociis nostris, tibi parum æquus, utpote in Notis Horatianis a te notatus, in te ut novatorem invehi coepit. Sed ego respondi, spatio aliquo temporis opus esse ad controversiæ hujus statum paulo accuratius examinandum, et proinde me sententiæ tuæ defensionem in proximum conventum dilaturum esse. Cum igitur tempus illud venisset, non solum omnium Editorum testimonio probari, longe plures Codd. MSS. habere *Archiacis*, quam *Archæicis*, atque adeo imme-

rito novandi studium hic tibi objici; sed etiam aliis
 argumentis Criticis emendationem tuam, vel potius
 revocationem pristinae lectionis, ita confirmari, ut qui
 primus eam oppugnaverat, ipse in sententiam meam
 5 tandem concederet. Ex Sociis nostris est etiam
 Clariss. Dacierius, quem in Notis tuis plus semel, et
 quidem satis acriter interdum, perstrinxisti. Hinc
 existimare facile potes, eum tibi parum amicum esse.
 Auctor proinde tibi essem, ut in Notis ad Terentium,
 10 quam mollissime et humanissime cum viventibus sal-
 tem, sicubi errasse tibi videbuntur, agas.

De MSS. Terentii quid sperandum habeas, ex ip-
 sius Illustriss. Bignonii literis cognosces. Dubitare
 minime debes, penes virum hunc humanissimum mi-
 15 nime stetisse, quo minus libri Terentii MSS. qui sunt
 in Bibliotheca Regia, in Angliam ad te transmitten-
 rentur (nihil enim facit lubentius, quam ut virorum
 literatorum commodis inserviat, eorumque votis et
 desideriis satisfaciat) sed rem hanc impetrare non
 20 potuit. Quare contentus eris Collatione Donati, quam
 hic pro te fieri curabimus. Spero autem tantum mihi
 abs aliis rebus otii fore, ut ipse Collationem illam
 perficere possim. Tantum enim te amo, tantique te
 facio, ut nihil non tua causa suscipere velim, quod
 25 quidem præstari a me posse putem.

Cum rescribes, quæso nonnulla nova literaria lite-
 ris tuis insperges: veluti quo loco sit Editio Josephi,
 Clementis Alexandrini, etc. An Needhamus recen-
 taturus sit Æschylum Stanleii, etc. Id enim Illus-
 30 trissimo Bignonio (quem valde amo et colo) gratissi-
 mum futurum est. Vale, Vir Amicissime, et me
 amare perge.

P. S. Scire cupio, quid Wassius et Davisius moliantur. Salutem illis quæso plurimam meo nomine nunties: uti et amicissimo Broekbankio. Nuper Magnum Regem nostrum coram salutavi; qui verbis valde humanis me allocutus est. Et vitæ genus, et 5 conversatio horum hic magis magisque mihi placere incipit: ita ut multo jucundius suaviusque, ut inter homines politos et urbanos, hic vivam, quam in rustica Batavorum gente antea vixi.

For the Rev^d DR. BENTLEY,
Master of TRINITY COLLEDGE,
at CAMBRIDGE.

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CLXXXI.

Dr. Bentley to Mr. Lisle.

TRIN. COLL., July 1, 1714.

SIR,

BE pleased to send what College Books you 15 have by you, by the first opportunity; and as for those in the Bishop's hands, he must do as he pleases. Keep the Papers safe by you; but do not carry one to the Bishop, either with one of my Council, or yourself alone; unless hereafter I give you express 20 order to do so; which I believe will not happen.

I am,

Your very humble Servant,

RI. BENTLEY.

For MR. LISLE,
at his Chambers in STAPLE'S INNE,
LONDON.

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CLXXXII.

VIRO REVERENDO ET CLARISSIMO
D. RICHARDO BENTLEIO, S. P. D.

CHRISTOPH. MATTH. PFAFFIUS, SERENISS.

WIRTEMBERG. PRINCIPI HÆREDI A SACRIS.

5 QUINQUENNIUM est, Vir Reverende, ex quo
tempore TE Londini salutavi, cum in consortio ami-
corum, Wolfi et Zelleri Musas Anglicanas inviserem.

Nec credidissem tamen, TE nominis mei conser-
vasse memoriam, nisi jubente TE ante annum et quod
10 excurrit salutem mihi nunciasset Urlspergerus, Lon-
dino redux. Id quod animum mihi addit, ut literis
hisce TE compellem, maxime, cum commendatum
TIBI esse cupiam, qui has ad TE perfert, amicum
meum Gul. Frid. Lentilium. Cui ut in itinere lit-
15 terario Anglicano plurimum faveas, dum etiam atque
etiam abs TE expeto, non ingratum TIBI fore arbitror,
si de novis quibusdam litterariis certiore TE reddam.

Et primum quidem memorandum mihi est, Anec-
dota S. Irenæi, e Biblioth. Taur. abs me eruta, nunc
20 imprimi, cum dissertationibus, quas de Oblatione et
Consecratione Eucharistiæ itemque de Præjudiciis
Theologicis adjunxi. Stat enim sententia, omnia ea,
quæ e Codd. Taur. extulimus, anecdota, si Deus vires
concesserit, luci dare, quemadmodum ante biennium
25 initium ferimus ἀνεκδότῳ quodam Lactantii Opusculo,
quod cum aliis Lutetiæ Parisiorum lucem vidit.

Cæterum vix te latere credo, Clariss. Cunninghamum
novam Horatii editionem moliri, ubi et TUA sæpius et

ipsum Horatium emendabit, ubi in mendo adhuc cubare videbitur.

Dolendum est, Codd. Taur. Horatii, rara vetustate superbientes Scholiisque refertos nondum collatos esse. Ex iis enim egregii quid speraverim, si quidem 5 ex cursoria inspectione hac de re judicare liceat.

Gronovius Herodoto edendo insudat, Perizonius Pompon. Melam dabit, Relandus nuper Geographiam Sacram dedit, Burmannus Lutetiam abit, ut Codices Ovidii aliorumque Poëtarum conferat. TE vero nunc, 10 Vir Reverende, in ornando Terentio aiunt occupatum esse, inque emendando veteris Testamenti Ebræo Codice. Quod institutum cum et TE dignissimum sit, et in maximos Rei tum literariæ tum Ecclesiasticæ usus invaliturum, Deum rogo, ut sospitem TE diu 15 salvumque conservet, laboribusque TUIS ex alto largam adjiciat benedictionem.

Cæterum laudatum jam Lentilium meum iterum iterumque commendo, propediem, si ex voto res nostræ gerantur, Londini TE visurus, ubi Anecdota 20 Irenæi Tuo subjecturus sum examini. VALE, Vir Summe et mihi fave. Scripsi Hagæ Com. III. Jul. 1714.

CLXXXIII.

ANGLIÆ ERUDITÆ PRINCIPI RICHARDO BENTLEIO
S. P. D. JO. CHRISTIAN. BIEL.

NUNQUAM profecto auderem, Vir Magne, le-
vidensibus meis graviora Tua interpellare negotia,
5 nisi superiori anno, quo me alloquio Tuo dignabar, is
expertus essem, Tantam Tuam esse humanitatem,
quantam eruditionem Tuam orbis deprædicat uni-
versus.

Hinc ergo spem habeo certissimam fore, ut auda-
10 ciæ meæ veniam facile impetraturus sim. Jucundis-
sima autem hactenus recordatio mihi fuit sermonum
Tuorum, quibus glossas in Hesychio sacras non ab
ipso Hesychio, Grammatico gentili, insertas, sed Chri-
stiano quodam additas esse, eruditissime ostendebas.

15 Cum vero jam in eo sim, ut propediem Hesychium
Sacrum, vel, ut Tibi placet, Pseudo-Hesychium prelo
committam, et facile intelligam, sententiam Tuam
multis locis haut exiguum lucem fœneraturam esse,
rationes tamen ejus non amplius recordari satis va-
20 leam, liceat ad Te, tanquam commune eruditorum in
edendis antiquitatis monumentis oraculum, iterum
confugere, et majorem in modum Te rogare, velis pro
laudata humanitate Tua, pro mirifico bonas literas
juvandi, promovendi studio, illas denuo mecum com-
25 municare. Quas si obtinuero, habebo votorum sum-
mam, et contendam, enitar, efficiam, ut aliquando in-
telligas, non in immemorem tantum beneficium esse
collocatum.

Cum in reditu ex Anglia et Belgio Bremam trans-

irem, ibi ex Ampliss. Senatus Bibliotheca descripsi Librum ineditum Κυρίλλου εἰς τὰς ἀπορουμένας λέξεις τῆς θείας γραφῆς, ut quidem titulus habet, a recentiori manu additus, re ipsa autem et alias voces ex Homero, Aristophane, aliisque profanis auctoribus 5 desumtas explicantem. Multæ in illo occurrunt glossæ cum glossis Hesychii plane convenientes. Hic ergo emendari inde aliquando potest.

Usurpavi etiam Oxonii in Bodleiana Λεξικὸν τοῦ ἁγίου Κυρίλλου Ἀλεξανδρείου συντεθὲν παρὰ τοῦ κυρίου 10 Ἀντωνίνου τοῦ Φιλοσόφου. Sic enim titulus habet. Tolo cœlo autem a Glossario illo Bremensi, sive ipsas voces, sive explicationes earundem, in Barocciano Codice longe sæpius prolixiores, spectemus, differt.

Cum ex Anglia mecum attulerim partem primam 15 doctissimarum Animadversionum Tuarum, quas scripto, cui titulus, *A Discourse of Free-thinking*, opposuisti, excerpta inde mensi Junio Actor. Erud. hujus anni inserta sunt. Stultitiam Atheismi Anglice abs Te scriptam, et ob præstantiam Germanice jam plus 20 vice simplici excusam, Magdeburgi denuo impressum iri, audio.

Lipsiæ Herodotum, Aristophanem, et Alciphronis Epistolas CXII. et has inter LXVIII. nunc primum ex MSS. erutas et Latinitate donatas, a Stephano 25 Berglero edi, forte jam innotuit. Helmstadii Hermannus von der Hardt, Celebris LL. OO. Professor, haut ita pridem Programma edidit ad locum vexatum Jes. XVIII. 1, ubi de expeditione Tirhakæ Æthiopum Regis a Strabone Τεαρκῶ, et Josepho Θαρσικῆς 30 appellati, sermonem esse putat . . . נהרי כוש ipsi sunt flumina Æthiopiæ, præter Nilum, As[tabum], et Astaboran: צלצל כנפיהם gentes Æthiopum ultra Æthio-

piæ flumina, sive ab extremitate fluminum illorum habitantes, nimirum terra לַצִּלְצִל, terra aut provincia *Silorum*, de quibus Strabo l. XVI. p. 772, quosque Diodorus l. III. p. 162, sono nonnihil mutato, *Simos*
 5 appellat; terra כְּנַפִּיִּם vero, terra *Pechinorum* Silis vicina, de quibus Ptolomæus, quique Poetarum Pygmæis clarissimi.

Nihil addo, quam ut Te, Vir Celeberrime, rogem, velis responsionem, si quam dare ad meas placeat,
 10 mittere Londinum ad Georgium Christianum Luderss, mercatorem et civem meum, ædes vulgo, *Thomas, from Will's Coffe House, in Cornhil*, dictas frequentantem. Sique ad alios etiam in Germania sive literas sive fasciculos perferri cupias, ille pariter, si
 15 acceperit, omnia ad me curabit. Et ego vicissim operam navabo omnem, ut singula ad illos, quibus destinata sunt, perveniant. Vale in ulterius Angliæ Tuæ decus, et certissima orbis eruditi emolumenta.

Dab. BRUNSVIG. d. 10 Jul. 1714, St. N.

20 *To the most Learned and Reverend DR. BENTLEY,*
Master of TRINITY COLLEDGE,
at CAMBRIDGE.

A` Monsieur,
Monsieur JEAN CHRETIEN BIEL,
 25 *Candidat en Théologie,*
à BROUNSVIC,

CLXXXIV.

*Dr. Bentley to Mr. Lisle.**Aug. 10, 1714.*

SIR,

I DESIRE you would go to Ely House; or, if that will not do, to Dr. Clark, at his house by St. James's Church, who is sole Executor to the deceased Bishop, and demand the College Books, the Old Statutes and Conclusions, of which you had a note from me; and send me them down as soon as possible. I have about a dozen Books of the Bishop's, which I will send to Dr. Clark, as soon as desired. 10

Yours,

RI. BENTLEY.

*For MR. JAMES LISLE,
at STAPLE'S INNE,
in HOLBORN.*

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CLXXXV.

ERUDITISSIMO VIRO JO. CHRIST. BIEL
RICH. BENTLEIUS S. P. D.

LITERAS Tuas, Vir Clarissime, 10 Julii, 1714, Brunsvigi datas, sero tandem accepi, mense Augusto exeunte; in quibus sententiæ meæ de *Glossis sacris* 20 in *Hesychio*, quas ego *spurias* et *insititias* mihi videri, dudum in sermone quodam tibi dixeram, rationes a

me exigis. Equidem ante annos paullo minus XXX, adolescens id subodoratus sum, et in exemplari meo notha illa jam tum uncinis [] hoc modo inclusi, quo mihi facilius promptiusque est, dum volante oculo pagellas singulas percurro, voluntati tuæ obtemperare.

Principio itaque aut pridem animum advertisti, aut nunc demum (me monente) agnosces, Gentilia verba omnia totumque adeo Lexicon Hesychianum verum, ad seriem literarum tam in secundis quam primis Syllabis more Dictionariorum hodiernorum accurate institutum esse. Quam seriem si quando (ut fit) interruptam invenis, id mea fide credas velim inde evenisse, quod Orthographia Auctoris, in illis vocabulis plerumque vitiosa, ab Editoribus vel Scribis Librariis postea mutata fuerit. Hoc jam posito, illud, quod proximum est, jam mecum contemplare.

Glossas illas, de quibus nunc agimus, extra seriem, locis non suis, plerasque omnes reperiri; certissimo opinor indicio, non ab Auctore profectas esse eas; sed a studioso quodam Christiano in exemplaris sui margine et ora vacua scriptas, post illa (quod in aliis libris multis scimus accidisse) prava Exscriptoris diligentia in contextum esse diditas. Cum autem Glossas illas præ marginis angustia lineola una non caperet, pluraque adeo in Textu vocabula intra Glossæ alicujus marginalis caput caudamque comprehenderentur; et ignarus et parum diligens Exscriptor conturbavit pleraque omnia, et extra ordinem collocavit: Ἀβδιοῦ scil. ante Ἀβδηρίτης malo more posuit, Ἀβελ post Ἀβελτερία, Ἀβράμ post Ἀβρομίτρας, Ἀνδρέας post Ἀνδρείκελον, Ἀπόλλων post Ἀπονομή, μὴ Ἀποσκορακίσης με ante Ἀποσκόλυπτε, Ἀράμ post Ἄραρος, Ἀσάριον

post Ἄσεπτον; Βαιθὴν post Βαιὸν, Βαροῦχ et Βαρθο-
 λομαῖος post Βαρύθων, Βέθηλον (male pro Βεθήλ)
 ante Βέβλωκεν, Βεζέκ post Βείματι, Βελιὰρ et Βεελ-
 φεγὼρ post Βέλλια, Βορράς bis ante Βόρβορος et
 ante Βόρμαξ; Γαλαὰδ et Γαλαλὰ post Γαλάσιον,⁵
 Γεννισαρὲτ post Γένυς, Γνώμην δίδωμι ante Γνύθιοι,
 Γόμορρά post Γόμφους; Διάψαλμα ante Διαφρονέων;
 Ἐβὼβ post Ἐβωσεν, Ἐζεκίας post Ἐξεσθαι, Ἐλαμῖται
 post Ἐλασμα, Ἐφραῖμ ante Ἐφόδια; Ζαβουλὼν post
 Ζαέντες; Θωμάς ante Θόας; Ἰάκωβος post Ἰαρ, Ἰα-¹⁰
 σοῦβ ante Ἰάραξ; Ἰὼ, Ἰωαθάμ, Ἰωήλ, Ἰωνάς, omnia
 post Ἰὼψ; Κάδης post Κάδος, Καῖν ante Καίλους,
 Καπερναοῦμ post Καπρίσκος, Κοδράντης ante Κοδομεύει;
 Λούζα post Λουτροφόρα; Μαμβρά post Μαμμάκυθος,
 Μαμωνάς post Μανδύη, Μανσοῦρ ante Μάνης, Μανασσῆς¹⁵
 post Μανδύη, Μαραναθὰ ante Μάραγνα, Ματθαῖος post
 Ματρυλλεῖον, Μιχαίας ante Μισὺ, Μνᾶ post Μνήμη;
 Ναβὰν post Ναϊκισσ. Νεφθαλεῖμ ante Νέτωπον, Νισὰν
 post Νίσσεσθαι; Ὁζεῖας post Ὁζος; Παῦλος ante
 Πατραλοίας, Πέτρος post Πεττεύει; Ῥακὰ et Ῥαμὰ²⁰
 ante Ῥαθώδημα (quod Hesychii peccatum est pro
 Ῥαψώδημα), Σαβὰ et Σαβέκ, illud post Σαβάζειν, hoc
 ante Σαβάζιος, Σαραβάρια et Σαδδαεὶ et Σαβαὼθ, hoc
 post Σαγγάριος, illa ante Σάγδην; Σεδέκ post Σεελ-
 λίσαι, Σειρήνες post Σειροὶ, Σιλωὰμ post Σιμούσι, Σό-²⁵
 δομα ante Σόγχος, Σοὸρ post Σορεύει, Σουφεῖρ post
 Σοφία; Ταβεήλ ante Ταβάλα, Τάλαντον ante Ταλαν-
 ταίων, Τὰ ὄπλα post Ταπίδες, Τερέβινθος post Τετέλε-
 σται; Ὑψιστάριος post Ὑων; Φακεὲ post Φάκται,
 Φαρισαῖος et Φαραὰ ante Φάλαινα, Φίλιππος post³⁰
 Φλέβες; Χανὰ et Χαναβὶς et Χαναὰμ, hoc post Χάναι,
 Χαρά bis post Χάρμης et post Χαρώνιον, Χεμβρὼν ante

Χείριος; Ὀβρὼμ ante Ὀβρατο, Ὀν ante Ὀδαῖς, Ὀσῆρ
post Ὀσχοφόρια, Ὀρίων post Ὀων.

Hæc omnia et plura fortasse, quæ properantem me
effugerunt, prave locisque alienis, prorsus contra so-
5 lemnem in Gentilibus, et indubitatis vocabulis Lexi-
cographi hujus morem, intrusa esse, jam vides: idcir-
coque spuria ea et supposititia jure merito habenda
esse nemo non videat.

Nam quod pauca quædam, ut Ἀβραμιαῖος, Ἀδαμὰ,
10 Γάγγης, Δάμασκος, Δανιήλ, Ἐδὲμ, Εὐφράτης, Ἰὰ,
Ἰάκωβος, Ἰουβὰλ, Ἰούδας, Καὶ ἐπεστήριξας, Καὶ λε-
πτυνῶ, Λοιμῶν, Μαριὸθ, Μάρκος, Μονιὸς, Ναζιραῖος,
Νεοκόρος (corruptum pro Νεωκόρος, quod vide suo
loco) Νῶε, Παμὰς, Σαραφῖν, Σίκημα, Τίγρης, et si qua
15 forte alia, suis locis rectaque serie conspiciuntur, id
casu evenit; neque aliter fieri potuit, nisi non indili-
gentia, sed consulto et dedita opera (quod non puto,
prorsusque absurdum est) Librarius ordinem contur-
basset.

20 Sed et aliud jam vide magnum signum fraudis et
falsitatis. Probe credo nosti in Codicibus MS^{tis} fine
singulorum opusculorum, et in Lexicis fine singularum
literarum, si quid paginæ supererat, purum id et
scripturæ vacuum fere a Librario relictum esse. Ea
25 spatia, qui libros illos postea possidebant, alienis
sæpe fragmentis nihilque quicquam ad Scriptorem
attinentibus complere soliti erant: quod ipse, dum
Codices ejusmodi manu verso, sæpe his oculis con-
spexi.

30 Ad hunc morem vide quas nugas Christianus ille
Hesychio suo interserit fine literæ Λ, post Λώων;
quod vocabulum serie utique literarum servata po-

stremum omnium fuerit necesse est. Ἦδος, inquit, ἱκανὸς ἐπειδὴ ὀναδαεὶ κτίστης, τῆς μηδείας etc. quæ sic emendanda sunt, Μηῆδος, ἱκανός· ἐπειδὴ ὁ Μαδαεὶ κτίστης τῆς Μηδείας. Vid. *Gen.* X. 2. Vult ab Hebraico מַדַּם *mensusus est*, vocabulum hoc deduci. Postea τὸ 5 Λὼτ interpretatur; verum inde uncinis ea eximenda sunt [Ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν] quæ ad literam E pertinent, ut sane ibi habentur itidem spuria, cum extra ordinem veniant post Ἐτύμως. Deinde quod ad literam A referendum erat, sic digere et uncinis 10 coerce: Ἀσπάλαξ· μῦς τυφλὸς, ὁ τὴν γῆν τρυπῶν. Pari modo fine literæ I plura acervatim ingesta vides; et fine literæ Ω integram habes paginam a manu aliena post Ὠων, qua voce Lexicon suum Hesychius finiebat: cætera adventitia sunt, priora a Gentili 15 Grammatico petita, posteriora a Christiano.

Satis opinor diximus; sed ecce aliud tibi argumentum majus fortiusque. Cum librarius ille (nam illud obiter notandum, unicum superfuisse Hesychii MS^{tum} Codicem, ex quo Aldinæ et cæteræ Editiones 20 prognatæ omnes sunt) spuria illa in Textum insere-ret, adeo male rem gessit, ut eadem verba legitima et ante et post emblemata illud novum interdum iterarit; nonnunquam in ipso emblematis circuitu legitimum cum interpretatione sua verbum quasi captivum clau- 25 serit; est ubi mediam verbi legitimi interpretationem emblemate notho diviserit, et interruperit. Ἀφόριος, θρασὺς, ἄπιστος [Ἀφωρισμένος, ἐκλελεγμένος, διακεκρι- μένος] Ἀφόριος, θρασὺς, ἄπιστος. Bis eadem poni vides, propter illud insititium: quod et loco non suo 30 hic conspicitur.

Similiter ob spurium illud Δραχμὴ, loco itidem

alieno, bis habes et iisdem verbis explicatum τὸ Δρίον: bis porro et Ὀνοκίνδιος ob alienum illud Ὀνοκένταυρος: bis denique Σαυκρόν (nam mendosum est Σαυαρὸν) quia Σάταν (sic lege, non Σάτων) mala manu intrusum erat. Ἀπφῶ, πατρὸς ἡ διπλασία χάρις [Ἀπφὺς, ὁ πατήρ] ἢ πνεύματος ἁγίου διττὴ ἐνέργεια. Hic verbum legitimum e Theocrito haustum in medio emblemate strangulatur.

Rursus in voce Ῥόμβος, legitima Auctoris interpretatio malo spurioque emblemate quasi cuneo diffinditur: Ῥομβος, ψόφος, στρόφος, ἦχος, δῖνος, χῶνος, ξυλήφιον (sic lege) οὗ ἐξῆπται σχοινίον, καὶ ἐν ταῖς τελεταῖς δινεῖται [Ῥομελίας, μετέωρος περιτομῆς] ἵνα ῥοιζῇ· τοῦτο αὐτὸ καὶ ἰχθύς τις τῶν πλατέων, καὶ ὁ ἐν τοῖς δεσμοῖς γόμφος. Sic corrige, quæ mendosa hodie feruntur, ἐναροίζη, τοῦτο αὐτῷ: et verte spuriiis illis sublatis: *Rhombus—in initiationibus rotatur, ut strepitum edat: idem verbum et piscem notat etc.* Eant nunc, qui volunt, et ipsi Hesychio hæc portenta attribuant.

Quid quod eadem omnia, quæ hic visuntur, ex Christianorum Lexicis, qualia plura et ego et tu vidimus, αὐτολεξεῖ traducta sunt. Sylvam horum habes in *Hieronymo* Martianæi, *volumine secundo*. Ibi omnia fere Pseudo-Hesychiana, et multo plura reperies: quorum collatione mutuuum lumen interdum accenditur. Ῥομελίας, μετέωρος περιτομῆς apud Hesychium: apud alterum p. 234, Ῥομελίας, μετεωρισμός ἢ περιτομή: lege utrobique μετεωρισμός περιτομῆς ἢ μ. □Γ. Hesychio est Ἀβδιὸν, Ἑρμοῦ δοῦλος ἐξομολογητός: at illi alteri p. 183, ὁ δοῦλός μου ἐξομ. Unde illud profanum Ἑρμοῦ; ex mendo nimirum natum, quippe

emendandum ἐρμ', i. e. ἐρμηνεύεται. Sed tædet ineptorum hominum commentis morari. Vale, Vir Doctissime, et me amare perge. Dat. Londini, Aug. 30, 1714, St. Vet.

CLXXXVI.

VIRO ILLUSTRIS ET AMICISSIMO

5

RICHARDO BENTLEIO S.P.D. LUDOLPHUS KUSTERUS.

MIROR Illustrissimum Bignonium et me nihil adhuc responsi ad postremas literas nostras a te accepisse. Si de amore erga te meo non dubitas; dubitare etiam non debes, mihi silentium tuum valde 10 molestum fuisse; præsertim cum alii mihi nuntiarent, te gravi morbo decumbere; alii, Episcopum Eliensem, nunc defunctum, constitutum esse judicem et arbitrum litis, quæ inter Te et Socios Collegii vestri intercedit. De prioris nuntii veritate dubitare ince- 15 pi, postquam juvenis Germanus, qui novissime ex Britannia huc venit, mihi dixit, se Londini salvum te et bene valentem vidisse. Alteram solitudinem levavit quidem, sed non penitus mihi exemit Hiccius, qui ad amicum, nunc Lutetiæ commorantem, 20 scripsit, memoratam litem morte Episcopi Eliensis finitam esse. De his tamen omnibus a te ipso certior fieri cupio.

Ego nunc totus sum in Hesychio; in quo multo plures emendationes sub manu mihi nascuntur, quam 25 opinione ante præceperam. Spero futurum, ut Opus hoc ante finem anni hujus prælo subjiciatur. Non

dubito te symbolam haud pœnitendam ad Editionem hanc collaturum esse.

Donatum MS. qui est in Biblioth. Reg. pro Te conferre inceperam. Sed liber est valde recens, et
 5 præterea tot vitiis et lacunis plenus, ut nullum operæ pretium me facturum viderem, si in cœpta collatione pergerem. Quare inquiram, annon alius antiquior et melior Donatus in aliqua Bibliothecarum Parisien-
 sium reperiatur. Ante vero scire ex te cupio, an ad-
 10 huc sententia tibi sedeat Terentium edendi.

Cæterum non injucundum forsân tibi fuerit, scire, me epistolam hanc scribere ex Tusculano Bignoniano, quam villam nescias utrum domini an loci ingenium magis commendet. Insula est, Sequanam dividens,
 15 octo leucarum a Lutetia intervallo, Occidentem æstivum versus. Regio circumjecta nulli earum, quas oculis unquam adspexi, amœnitate cedit. Ab una enim parte proxime adjacent colles modice editi, cli-
 voque fallente surgentes, qui ab imo usque ad sum-
 20 mum, partim vitibus, aristis, et arboribus, partim frequentibus villis et vicis non sine gratissima spec-
 taculi varietate vestiuntur. Varietatem hanc auget via celeberrima, quæ Rotomagum et in Normanniam inferiorem ducit, inter colles et ripam fluminis inter-
 25 jecta, qua commeantes viatores ex insula oculis arbitrari licet. Ab altera parte, quæ ad Orientem, Meridiem, et Occidentem vergit, longe lateque patet prospectus in campos cultissimos et fertilissimos, in quibus cum voluptate cernas fluctuantes aristas, et
 30 prata herbis luxuriantia, in iisque errantes boum greges; sparsis hinc inde magno numero villis, pagis, et oppidis, et ambiente undique lætissimorum collium corona, quæ visum per plana camporum liberrime ex-

spatiantem, et, si ulterius pergeret, ipso spatio hebetandum, velut cærulei cujusdam Ampitheatri objectu jucunde definit. Dicit vix potest, mi Benteleie, quantum spectaculi hujus jucunditate exhilaratus et recreatus fuerim; ita tamen, ut voluptas semper esset 5 intra satietatem.

Versus Orientem æstivum conspicitur oppidum, nomine Meulan, quod in collem Theatri forma erigitur, et ex insula, cui prope imminet, intuentibus gratum spectaculum præbet. Oppido junctus est pons 10 lapideus, firmissimis et sublimibus arcubus fultus, qui placidum Sequanæ cursum interpellans, efficit, ut aqua amnis ex liberiore spatio intra arcuum angustias coacta, magnoque nisu inde tandem eluctata, dulci cum murmure in declive labatur. Vix credas, 15 mi Benteleie, quantum voluptatis ceperim, cum in angulo Insulæ Orientali, quem pons fere attingit, trepidationem illam aquæ tumultuantis, moramque objectam veluti indignantis, sub umbra assidens spectavi, et simul gratum illum strepitum, quo molles somni 20 facile invitantur, auribus captavi.

Ipsa insula, extra quam oculos animumque adhuc circumtulimus, ab Oriente in Occidentem extensa, plusquam duo milliaria Anglicana in longitudinem patet. Latitudo longe brevior spatio circumscribi- 25 tur, et vix decimam longitudinis partem implet; quod ipsum amœnitatem Insulæ auget. Non longe enim eundum est, ut amnem limpidissimas aquas vehentem, et leni placidoque cursu ripas præterlabentem in conspectu habeas. 30

Modum epistolæ longe excessurus essem, si omnia et singula hic memorare vellem, quibus Illustriss. Bignonius Insulam hanc ante incultam fere et ne-

glectam, a triennio, ex quo tantum dominus ejus esse
cœpit, visendam reddidit, et in posterum magis vi-
sendam reddere constituit. Quare omissis aliis, de
domo tantum, quæ Musicam Bignoniani ingenii ele-
5 gantiam et amœnitatem præcipue testatur, pauca
addam.

Domus hæc ducentos pedes longa, tribusque fasti-
giis (*pavillons* Gallice vocant) educta, magnifica qua-
dam et decora specie intuentium oculis sese commen-
10 dat. Cum intraveris, omnia ita apte et ingeniose
disposita, instructa, et ornata invenies, ut nescias,
utrum ædificium hoc commoditati usus, an oblecta-
tioni oculorum animique magis inserviat. Singulis
ædibus, in quas domus divisa est, suum est nomen,
15 ut Justitiæ, Temperantiæ, Prudentiæ, Fortitudinis,
Musarum, Eloquentiæ, Historiæ, Poetices, Fabulæ,
Musicæ, etc. Nominibus hisce et Titulis respondent
argumenta et picturæ, quibus ædes quæque exornata
est. Ex. gr. in æde Fortitudinis conspicias Samso-
20 nem et Herculem leonum domitores: Juditham Ho-
lofernis caput audacia plusquam virili amputantem:
Milonem Crotoniaten taurum humeris portantem;
aliaque hujus generis. In ære Fabulæ, quæ mihi pro
cubiculo assignata est, cum alia spectantium oculos
25 advertunt, tum præcipue Æsopus, deformitate ita ex-
cellenti, vultuque adeo Satyrico et *σκωπτικῶ*, ut ima-
ginem ejus sine risu adspicere nequeas. Memini te
olim mihi dicere, Æsopum immerito deformitatis no-
mine apud posteros traduci. Vellem scire rationum
30 momenta, quibus Fabularum parentem ab hac turpi-
tudinis macula vindices. Quodsi enim argumentis
certis et claris sententiam tuam probare potueris,
spondere tibi ausim, Illustriss. Bignonium tantum

veritati daturum, ut pro Æsopo deformi alium formosorem in memorata æde suspendat.

Nolo jam per singulas ædes ire, omniaque illarum ornamenta percensere, ne epistola hæc nimis extendatur. Id tantum te rogatum velim, ne mecum descendere dedigneris in locum, qui necessitatis tantum causa adiri, neque a viris urbanioribus et verecundioribus sine veniæ præfatione appellari solet. Ex ejus enim contemplatione præcipue æstimare licebit curiosum domini ingenium, qui ne vilissimam quidem ædium partem cultu, ornatu, et amœnitate sua vacare voluit. Nihil hic invenies, quod vel nares, vel oculos offendat, quin potius omnia nitida, munda, tersa. Depicti hic conspiciuntur Deus Stercutius, Deus Crepitus, et Venus Cloacina; inhonesta quidem Numina et nomina, sed tamen loco convenientia, et ridiculam Antiquorum temeritatem in Diis sibi adsciscendis non sine voluptate animo repræsentantia. Cernas hic etiam S. Pacomum cum Diabolo colloquentem; cujus colloquii summa huc redit. S. Pacomus, cum aliquando in loco secreto alvum exonerans, partem earum precum, quæ *Matutinæ* vulgo vocantur, recitaret, Diabolus accedens, eum interrogavit, annon erubesceret in tali loco Deum precari. Cui S. Pacomus respondit: Ne tibi hanc rem curatio sit: quod sursum fertur, Deo sacrum esto; quod vero descendit, tibi capias licet.

Habes, mi Benteleie, rudem quandam et valde imperfectam villæ Bignonianæ descriptionem. Quam vellem lubido et desiderium te caperet, tuismet oculis eam videndi. Plurimum enim voluptatis percepturus esses, non solum ex villæ tam amœnæ et formosæ adspectu, sed præcipue etiam ex conversatione

cum ipso domino, in quo elegantia ingenii cum morum comitate ita certat, ut, si singulas separatim spectes, utraque vincere videatur; neutra vero, si ambas inter se conferas. Mihi quoque adventus tuus longe jucundissimus foret, quoniam ex longo intervallo præsentem visurus essem et amplexurus amicum, quem judicio quodam amoris in paucissimis semper carum habui. Vale.

Ex insula BIGNONIANA, d. 20 Octobr. St. N., 1714.

10 P. S. I dessin to come bac again to Paris in 4 or 5 days. Mr. Bignon hath a great esteem for you. The frindship of such a man is not to be despised. I do hier al that I can for to make known your excellent learning, which was not known here but by
15 very few people. But I wil reather that others telle you how much I shew me to be your friend. I hope I shal be able to pay you the monney, which you have lend me, te next year. For this first year I have had great expenses in buying furnitures for my rooms,
20 and other things, which were necessaires for my settling here. I expect an answer from you in a short time.

To the Rev^d DR. BENTLEY,

Master of TRINITY COLLEDGE,

25 *en ANGLETERRE.*

in CAMBRIDGE.

CLXXXVII.

ILLUSTRI CRITICORUM PHOSPHORO
 RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D. JO. CHRISTIAN. BIEL.

Κριτικώταται Tuæ, Vir κριτικώτατε, d. 30 Aug.
 St. Vet. Londini exaratae recte ad me perlatae sunt.
 Dubius autem hæreo, an magis humanitatem Tuam, 5
 qua tam proluxa responsione me dignatus es, an eru-
 ditionem et ingenium, quo supposititias a genuinis
 Hesychii glossis separasti, corruptissima emendasti,
 abstrusissima indicasti, admirari debeam.

Profecto vel ex Tripode Apollo divina magis re- 10
 sponsa dare non potuisset.

Sicuti autem fructus plane insignis est, quem inde
 cepi, ita vehementer doleo, me jam quidem nihil præ-
 ter verba, imo ne hæc etiam satis digna reperire, qui-
 bus pium et memorem animum meum pro tanto bene- 15
 ficio declarare possim. Rogoque Te etiam atque
 etiam, velis ipse eam in rem occasionem mihi sup-
 peditare.

Ceterum forsitan non ingratum Tibi fuerit, si fruc-
 tus illius unum vel alterum exemplum in medium 20
 afferam. Vulgo apud Hesychium legitur. Εἶρκται,
 ἐάλωκε, κωλύεται. Εἶρκτή, φυλακὴ, ἀσφάλεια, ἣ κω-
 λύει. Εἶρμός. Hic verba ἣ κωλύει ad Εἶρκται, et εἶρμός
 ad Εἶρκτή pertinere, videtur manifestum. Confusio
 autem exorta, quod v. Εἶρκτή cum explicationibus 25
 suis a Christiano quodam in margine, e regione τοῦ
 Εἶρκται, hoc modo primum posita fuerit

Εἶρκτή, φυλακὴ, ἀσφάλεια,
 εἶρμός.

Εἶρκται, ἐάλωκε, κωλύεται,
 ἣ κωλύει.

Imperitus ergo librarius Hesychium postea describens et verba Εἶρκτῇ, φυλακῇ, ἀσφάλεια e regione primæ lineæ τοῦ Εἶρκται deprehendens, post eandem illa scribenda esse putavit, et vocem εἶρμὸς e regione secundæ, post secundam posuit.

Similiter sese res habet in Ἐνεργοὶ etc. Namque verba ibi hac ratione ab initio ab Hesychio scripta, et a Christiano in margine addita concipio:—

10 Ἐνεργουμένη, εἰσακουομένη, τε- λουμένη.	Ἐνεργοὶ, ἔτοιμοι πρὸς ἐργασίαν, ἢ οἱ μὴ ἀργοί. (Vulgo male αἱ μὴ ἀργαί).
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Hic rursus ineptus ille vocem ἐνεργουμένη ex adverso primæ lineæ τοῦ Ἐνεργοὶ conspiciens post eandem locavit, et εἰσακουομένη, τελουμένη post secundam. 15 Inde ergo hodie legimus: Ἐνεργοὶ, ἔτοιμοι πρὸς ἐργασίαν ἢ ἐνεργουμένη, αἱ μὴ ἀργαί· εἰσακουομένη, τελουμένη. Vox autem ἐνεργουμένη desumta vel ex Gal. v. 6, vel Jac. v. 16.

Unicum adhuc addere liceat. Vulgo apud Gram- 20 maticum hæ tanquam tres a se invicem distinctæ Glossæ occurrunt: Ἐξηρεύξατο, προεβάλετο. † Ἐξηρημένην, ὑψουμένην. † Ἐξήριπεν, ἐξέπεμψεν. Sed, ni omnia me fallunt, e duabus inter se confusæ sunt, quod descriptor illas ita exaratas invenerit:

25 Ἐξηρεύξατο, προεβάλετο. Ἐξήριπεν, ἐξέπεμψεν.	Ἐξηρημένην, ὑψουμένην.
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Putavit ergo, quod cum verba Ἐξηρεύξατο προεβάλετο, non recta plane linea ex adverso τοῦ Ἐξηρημένην, sed paulo superius comparuerint, ante Ἐξηρημένην scri- 30 benda sint, verba autem Ἐξήριπεν, ἐξέπεμψεν paulo inferius posita post Ἐξηρημένην novam Glossam constituere debeant; immani profecto errore. Nam verba

ἐξήριπεν, ἐξέπεμψεν adhuc exponunt τὸ Ἐξηρεύξατο. Hoc autem desumptum vel ex Psalm. xlv. 1, vel Sap. xix. 10,

Sed in his aliisque ejus generis pluribus locis si quid viderim, non ad me, sed ad Te aliquando omnis 5 redundabit gloria, qui viam mihi in eruditissima Epistola Tua monstrasti; qua etiam ut Prolegomenis meis ad opus promissum, purpurei ad instar clavi vestimentis inserti, lumen et ornamentum afferam, Te permissurum esse, confido. 10

Ut vero argumentis Tuis de Glossis Sacris in Hesychio supposititiis plane convictus sum, ita eadem vel ex ipso Hesychii scopo in Præfatione ipsius luculenter satis declarato confirmari posse, opinor. Refert in illa Grammaticus, multos veterum Glossas 15 juxta Alphabetum conscriptas dedisse; sed alios tamen solas Homericas, ut Apionem et Apollonium, alios Comicas et Tragicas, ut Theonem, Didymum, cæteros. Has autem junctim collegisse neminem. Diogenianum vero post illos natum Homericas, Co- 20 micas, Tragicas, et quæ apud Lyricos et Rhetores, imo et Medicos et Historicos reperiuntur, glossas junctim collectas juxta Alphabetum disposuisse, illisque, quæ reperire potuerit, proverbia addidisse; omis- 25 sisse tamen illorum hypotheses, et glossis præterea neque nomina auctorum, qui illis usi sint, neque titulos librorum, in quibus inveniantur, adjunxisse. Præteriisse denique πολυσήμους, neque diversæ significationis illarum auctoritatem suppeditasse. Hæc omnia vero se in hoc Lexico, quantum potuerit, præstitisse, 30 illudque ex Aristarchi, Apionis et Heliodori Glossis, adhibitis simul Diogeniani libris, propria manu accuratissime, juxta Herodianum Grammaticum, conscrip-

sisse, nulla Glossa in illis relictæ, imo et plurimis, quas ibi non invenerit, additis.

Quis non videt inde, Hesychii scopum et tendisse, ut Glossas profanas, Homericas nimirum, Comicas, 5 Tragicas, et ex Lyricis, Rhetoribus, Medicis et Historiographis desumtas juxta Alphabetum colligeret, et quæ aliorum ejuscemodi collectionibus defuerint, sive explicationes glossarum, sive ipsas glossas spectemus, suppleret? Sacræ ergo, quæ magna ex parte extra 10 Alphabeti seriem occurrunt, ab ipso minime profectæ sunt.

Et sane si illas ipse inseruisset, nonne hoc tanquam præcipuum defectum in Thesouro Diogeniani allegasset, quod illas omiserit? Nonne magnam in eo venatus fuisset gloriam, quod tantum numerum glossarum, 15 quantum hodie in Lexico Hesychiano reperimus, divinis oraculis haut contemnendam sæpe lucem affundentium addidisset? Sed ne γρὺ quidem ea de re in Præfatione ipsius occurrit.

20 Fixa ergo stat ingeniosa sententia Tua, Glossas Sacras Lexico Hesychii aliena manu intrusas esse.

Interim gratissimum fuerit, si de meo qualicunque argumento judicium Tuum ad me perscribere Tibi placeat. Proposueram circa Festum Michaëlis Opus 25 meum prelo subjicere, sed ex Ephemeridibus Gallicis, quæ Hagæ Comitum evulgantur, edoctus, quod Cl. Kusteri Hesychius Parisiis propediem proditurus sit, propositum aliquantisper distuli. Si prodierit illud, exemplar aliquod ad Te transmittere in honore po- 30 nam.

Excerpta ex eruditissimarum Animadversionum Tuarum in *Disc. of Free-thinking* parte secunda vel mense Decembri, vel Januario Anni sequentis Actor.

Er. inserentur. Tertiam quoque omnes avide, imo impatienter expectant.

Lipsiæ Alciphronis Epistolas prodiisse, audio; sed nondum illas vidi. Halæ Magdeburgicæ Everardus Otto, qui superiori anno de Ædilibus Coloniæ et 5 Municipiorum non inelegantem librum edidit, publicavit Dissertationem de Diis Vialibus plerorumque populorum, in qua nonnulla S. Scripturæ et Juris Civilis, aliorumque Veterum Auctorum Capita illustrantur. 8. Helmstadii nuperrime Vir Cl. Herm. 10 v. d. Hardt Programma edidit, quo inter alia ex Judæorum monumentis probat, præsentem annum MDCCXIV. novissimum inter Judæos Adventus Messisæ esse terminum. Idem in libro *Cohemoth* publice recensendo jam occupatus est; quem Jesu Joiadæ 15 esse illum statuere, ad me perlatum. Sed ille semper affectat παράδοξα. Vale, Vir Magne, et porro me benevolentis Tuæ commendatum habe. Dab. Brunsvigæ d. 6 Novembr. 1714, St. Nov.

CLXXXVIII.

R. Bentleio J. B. Heinzelmann.

VIR PLURIMUM REVERENDE, EXCELLENTISSIME, 20
FAUTOR ÆTATEM VENERANDE,

INGRATISSIMORUM certe calculo mihi notatus viderer, VIR EXCELLENTISSIME, nisi hac existente occasione, cum mercatori cuidam Francofurtensi fortunatas Vestras Insulas salutandi animus est, non- 25

nullas EXCELLENTIÆ VESTRÆ, ceu gratissimæ ac devotæ mentis testimonia, lineolas exaratas transmittendas curarem.

Etenim VESTRIS ex abundanti mihi concessis beneficiis, et haud vulgari liberalitate suffultus, iter ad patriam suscipere potui, quibus forte denegatis ne minimum quidem misero mihi sustentaculi extitisset medium, sed adversante fortunæ fame perire coactus fuisssem.

10 Nunquam ergo satis, prout fas est, mihi celebranda erit Divina Providentia, quæ mirifica et convictionis et attractionis ratione GENEROSAM VESTRÆ EXCELLENTIÆ ANIMAM ad liberalia invitabat officia, quippe quæ nec laudare satis, dignasque rependere grates
15 sufficio: itaque referant Superi! Interim devinctissimus VESTRÆ EXCELLENTIÆ munera semper inoblita repeturus ero mente. Fungor jam pastoralis officio prope Francofurtum in pago, cujus nomen est GLEUBNICHZ. Hanc quam nactus sum spartam, magna
20 ex parte Fautori meo colendissimo, Dno. D. JABLONSKY gratabundus debeo, cujus mihi accessum occasione Peregrinationis Anglicanæ, præprimis verò multæ egregiorum a VESTRA EXCELLENTIA concessorum mihi beneficiorum [testificationis] indigno parabam.

25 Ecce, VIR EXCELLENTISSIME, præstantissimum, TANTI HUIUS DIVINI NOMINIS effectum, miramque animorum ex sola huius mentione affectum! Me ergo terque quaterque felicem de VESTRÆ EXCELLENTIÆ quondam Cantabrigiæ parto Patrocinio prædico, qua
30 ratione inductus non potui non, quin festinante hac occasione volante quidem, ast vero devotissima simul avena animi gratissimi sensa verbis exprimerem, multaque prospera Fautori meo ætatem devenerando humillima mente exoptarem.

Vale igitur, VIR EXCELLENTISSIME, prospere vivas
in universæ litteratæ Reipubl. exoptatissimum incre-
mentum, et fruire summi numinis larga benedictione!

Animitus hæc adprecatur

Viro Excellentissimo Tanti hujus Nominis 5
cultor devinctiss. humill.

JOHANNES BERNHARD HEINZELMANN,
Borussus.

FRANCOFURTI AD ODERAM, *d. 28 Jan. St. N. 1716.*

Viro Excellentissimo Domino 10

D. RICHARDO BENTLEY,

Magnifico celeberr. UNIVERSITATIS CANTABRIGIENSIS

Evergetæ, florentissimique COLLEGII ad SS. TRINIT.

Præfecto dignissimo Patrono suo ætatem

SS. devenerando hæc humill. 15

CANTABRIGIÆ.

CLXXXIX.

Dr. Bentley to the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury.

TRIN. COLL., *April the 15th, 1716.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

'Tis not only your Grace's station and general
character, but the particular knowledge I have of 20
you, which encourages me to give you a long letter
about those unfashionable topics, Religion and Learn-
ing. Your Grace knows, as well as any, what an
alarm has been made of late years with the vast heap
of Various Lections found in MSS. of the Greek 25

Testament. The Papists have made a great use of them against the Protestants, and the Atheists against them both. This was one of Collins's topics in his Discourse on Freethinking, which I took off in my
 5 short answer; and I have heard since from several hands, that that short view I gave of the causes and necessity and use of Various Lections, made several good men more easy in that matter than they were before. But since that time I have fallen into a
 10 course of studies that led me to peruse many of the oldest MSS. of the Greek Testament and of the Latin too of St. Jerom, of which there are several in England, a full thousand years old. The result of which has been, that I find I am able (what some thought
 15 impossible) to give an edition of the Greek Testament exactly as it was in the best exemplars at the time of the Council of Nice; so that there shall not be twenty words, nor even particles, difference; and this shall carry its own demonstration in every verse,
 20 which I affirm cannot be so done of any other ancient book, Greek or Latin; so that that book, which, by the present management, is thought the most uncertain, shall have a testimony of certainty above all other books whatever, and an end be put at once to
 25 all Various Lections now or hereafter.

I'll give your Grace the progress which brought me by degrees into the present view and scheme that I have of a new edition. Upon some points of curiosity I collated one or two of St. Paul's Epistles
 30 with the Alexandrian MS., the oldest and best now in the world: I was surprised to find several transpositions of words, that Mills and the other collators took no notice of; but I soon found their way was

to mark nothing but change of words; the collocation and order they entirely neglected; and yet at sight I discerned what a new force and beauty this new order (I found in the MS.) added to the sentence. This encouraged me to collate the whole book over 5 to a letter, with my own hands. There is another MS. at Paris of the same age and character with this; but, meeting with worse usage, it was so decayed by age, that five hundred years ago it served the Greeks for old vellum, and they writ over the old brown 10 capitals a book of Ephraim Syrus; but so that even now, by a good eye and a skilful person, the old writing may be read under the new. One page of this for a specimen is printed in copper cut in Lamie's Harmony of the Evangelists. Out of this, by an 15 able hand, I have had above two hundred lections given me from the present printed Greek; and I was surprised to find that almost all agreed both in word and order with our noble Alexandrian. Some more experiments in other old copies have discovered the 20 same agreement: so that I dare say, take all the Greek Testaments surviving, that are not *occidental with Latin too*, like our Beza's at Cambridge, and that are a thousand years old, and they'll so agree together that of the thirty thousand present Various Lections 25 there are not there found two hundred.

The western Latin copies by variety of Translators without public appointment, and a jumble and heap of all of them, were grown so uncertain, that scarce two copies were alike; which obliged Damasus, then 30 Bishop of Rome, to employ St. Jerom to regulate the best-received translation of each part of the New Testament to the original Greek; and so set out a

new edition, so castigated and corrected. This he declares in his preface he did *ad Græcam veritatem, ad exemplaria Græca, sed vetera*; and his learning, great name, and just authority, extinguished all the
 5 other Latin versions, and has been conveyed down to us, under the name of the Vulgate. 'Twas plain to me, that when that copy came first from that great Father's hands, it must agree exactly with the most authentic Greek exemplars; and if now it could be
 10 retrieved, it would be the best test and voucher for the true reading out of several pretending ones. But when I came to try Pope Clement's Vulgate, I soon found the Greek of the Alexandrian and that would by no means pary. This set me to examine the
 15 Pope's Latin by some MSS. of a thousand years old; and the success is, that the old Greek copies and the old Latin so exactly agree (when an able hand discerns the rasures and the old lections lying under them), that the pleasure and satisfaction it gives me
 20 is beyond expression.

The New Testament has been under a hard fate since the invention of printing. After the Complutenses and Erasmus, who had but very ordinary MSS., it has become the property of booksellers.
 25 Robert Stephens's edition, set out and regulated by himself alone, is now become the standard. That text stands, as if an apostle was his compositor. No heathen author has had such ill fortune. Terence, Ovid, etc. for the first century after printing, went
 30 about with twenty thousand errors in them. But when learned men undertook them, and from the oldest MSS. set out correct editions, those errors fell and vanished. But if they had kept to the first pub-

lished text, and set the Various Lections only in the margin, those classic authors would be as clogged with variations as Dr. Mills's Testament is.

Pope Sixtus and Clemens at a vast expense had an assembly of learned divines, to recense and adjust 5 the Latin Vulgate, and then enacted their new edition authentic; but I find, though I have not yet discovered any thing done *dolo malo*, they were quite unequal to the affair. They were mere Theologi, had no experience in MSS., nor made use of good 10 Greek copies, and followed books of five hundred years before those of double [that] age. Nay, I believe they took these new ones for the older of the two; for it is not every body knows the age of a manuscript.

I am already tedious, and the post is a going. So 15 that, to conclude, in a word, I find that by taking two thousand errors out of the Pope's Vulgate, and as many out of the Protestant Pope Stephens's, I can set out an edition of each in columns, without using any book under nine hundred years old, that shall 20 so exactly agree word for word, and, what at first amazed me, order for order, that no two tallies nor two indentures can agree better.

I affirm that these so placed will prove each other to a demonstration: for I alter not a letter of my 25 own head without the authority of these old witnesses. And the beauty of the composition (barbarous, God knows, at present), is so improved, as makes it more worthy of a revelation, and yet not one text of consequence injured or weakened. 30

My Lord, if a casual fire should take either his Majesty's library or the king's of France; all the world could not do this. As I have therefore great

impulse, and I hope not ἀθεεῖ to set about this work immediately, and leave it as a κειμήλιον to posterity, against Atheists and Infidels: I thought it my duty and my honour to first acquaint your Grace with it; 5 and know if the extrinsic expense necessary to do such a work compleatly (for my labour I reckon nothing) may obtain any encouragement, either from the Crown or Public.

I am, with all duty and obedience,

10 Your Grace's most humble servant,

RI. BENTLEY.

CXC.

Dr. Bentley to the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury.

TRIN. COLL., *Sunday Evening.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

THIS minute I had the honour of your Grace's 15 letter; indeed when I saw by the prints that your Grace was in full Convocation, and had addressed his Majesty upon so just an occasion, and consequently was immersed in business of the highest importance, I condemmed myself, that I should be so 20 immersed here in books and privacy, as not to know a more proper occasion of address to your Grace.

On a due consideration of all which, I gave over expecting any answer, and designed to wait on you in person, when I came to London, where already my 25 family is. But I see your Grace's goodness and public

spirit is superiour to all fatigues; and therefore I thank you particularly for this present favour; as what was (justly) above my expectation. The thought of printing the Latin in a column against the Greek (which your Grace puts to the common) I doubt not is your own. My Lord, it is necessary to do so: and without that, all my scheme would be nothing. It was the very view, that possessed me with this thought which has now so engaged me, and in a manner enslaved me, that *væ mihi* unless I do it. Nothing but 10 sickness (by the blessing of God) shall hinder me from prosecuting it to the end. I leave the rest to the time of the Westminster election: with my hearty prayers and thanks, being

Your Grace's most obedient

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And obliged humble Servant,

RI. BENTLEY.

I was told, a month ago, that your Grace (when you was at Paris) had made a whole transcript of the Clermont copy, Greek and Latin, which I hope 20 is true.

CXCI.

J. J. Wetstein to Richard Bentley.

A' PARIS, ce 19 Juillet, N. S. 1716.

J'ARRIVAI ici Lundi passé seulement, ayant été obligé à attendre à Rochester un passeport du Secrétaire d'Etat, sans quoi on ne peut pas sortir du 25 Royaume.

J'ai vu depuis les PP. de Montfaucon et de la Ruë, qui m'ont offert tous leurs services, et qui m'indiqueront tout ce qu'il y a de plus digne d'être vu ; le dernier s'est même offert à travailler avec moi, ou
 5 pour moi, si je le voulois bien. Ils me procureront des moyens pour voir le Manuscrit des Jesuites et d'autres selon que j'en aurai besoin.

Le Père Martianai travaille depuis fort long tems à donner au public l'ancienne Vulgate ou la Version
 10 Italique du Docteur Mill, de sorte que son travail n'a point de relation avec le vôtre.

Je fus aussi voir le Père Lequier, Dominicain, et le P. le Long de l'Oratoire, ils m'ont assuré qu'il n'y avoit dans leurs Bibliothèques aucun Manuscrit,
 15 Grec ou Latin, de quelque antiquité qui puisse servir à mon sujet.

A` présent je vais le plus souvent à la Bibliothèque du Roi, y demeurant tout près. Je n'y ai pas encore vu aucun MS. Latin plus ancien que les votres ; j'ai
 20 commencé à en collationner un, qui est du IX. siècle, écrit sous Charles le Chauve ; je ny regarde pas les Evangiles sachant que vous en avez des meilleures copies.

J'ai considéré un peu le MS. d'Ephrem, mais je
 25 ne sais si ma vuë a été hébétée depuis, ou par quelle autre fatalité, j'aurai mille peines à y decouvrir quelque chose de nouveau, à moins que je puisse me servir surement de votre secret pour faire revivre les lettres. J'y apporterai toute l'attention et exactitude possi-
 30 ble ; c'est sur quoi Vous pouvez compter.

Si Vous n'envoyez pas ici bientôt la collation des MSS. d'Origène, ou une partie, j'ai peur que l'on ne commence à douter, si je l'ai fait effectivement, ou

non: bienqu'au reste on n'est pas fort pressé de l'avoir. Je compte que je recevrai par première l'honneur de Vos nouveaux ordres, lesquels je suivrai ponctuellement, pour Vous démontrer que je suis avec beaucoup de zèle, 5

Monsieur,

Votre très humble et très obéissant serviteur,

J. J. WETSTEIN.

To the Rev^d DR. BENTLEY,

at COTTON HOUSE,

in the OLD PALACE YARD,

WESTMINSTER.

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CXCII.

J. J. Wetstein to Richard Bentley.

A PARIS, ce 29 Juillet, 1716.

MONSIEUR,

Vous aurez reçu depuis ma première du 19 15
 Juillet; de peur d'oublier mon Adresse dans celleci, la
 voici, " Mr. Wetstein, chez Monsieur Birr, Banquier
 à Paris." Je continue depuis de mon mieux à exami-
 ner le MS. d'Ephrem, je n'y perds pas mon tems à mon
 avis, y trouvant plusieurs choses qui avoient échappé 20
 ma vue, la première fois, particulièrement touchant
 l'ordre des paroles: au reste c'est un ouvrage très
 difficile, de sorte qu'il me faut ordinairement presque
 deux heures pour lire une seule page: Vous voyez
 par la que je consommerai tout mon tems à ce Livre 25
 tout seul.

Je fus hier à S. Germain, ou le Père de la Ruë me montra leurs Manuscrits, c'est à dire, qui appartiennent en partie à cette Abbaye de S. Germain, en partie à d'autres de leur ordre particulièrement à
 5 Corbie; j'ai fait un extrait des MSS. de quelque antiquité, en negligéant ceux qui n'avoient que 2, 3, 4, ou 5 siècles. Le voici: Nombre 23, les Actes, les Epîtres Catholiques, et l'Apocalypse du x. siècle. Nombre 2, 4, 15, tout le Nouveau Testament du ix.
 10 siècle. Nombre 18, 21, 32, 360, 777, les Evangiles tous, ou en partie du ix. viii. et vii. siècle.

En les examinant un peu je me suis souvenu, que le P. Simon parle de quelques uns de ces MSS. tout au long dans sa Critique. Parmi tous ces MS. aussi
 15 bien que parmi ceux de la Bibliothèque du Roi je n'ai pas pu trouver un seul, qui ait omis l'*a*, Luc. ii. 2; au contraire ils ont tous *a Præsides Syriæ Cyrino* excepté un dans lequel la lettre *a* est rayé, qui est apparemment celui que le P. Martianay cite.

20 On a achevé le premier Volume de S. Chrysostome, et on est environ au tiers du second Tome. Je me flatte que Vous me ferez l'honneur de m'écrire par première, et je Vous puis assurer que je suivrai vos ordres avec la même exactitude et diligence; étant,

25 Monsieur,

Votre serviteur très humble et très obéissant,

J. J. WETSTEIN.

To the Reverend DR. BENTLEY,

Master of TRINITY COLLEDGE,

30 *in* CAMBRIDGE.

ANGLETERRE.

CXCIII.

Thomas Rud to Richard Bentley.

DURHAM, *July 22, 1716.*

REVEREND AND HONOR'D SIR,

I IMMEDIATELY carried your letter to Mr. Dean, who, with the same readiness as before, consented that any book you had occasion for, should 5 be transmitted to you. I send you, therefore, with the two old copies of the Gospels, the two other MSS. you desired, half of the whole Bible which was given by Bishop *William*, and the Epistles glossed, which belonged to Bishop *Hugh* Pudsey, 10 successor to William 2nd, about the end of King Stephen's Reign, whose Nephew he was, or the beginning of Henry 2nd.

We have no copy of the Epistles in 4to, these are in large fol. These 4 Volumes were put into a box, 15 and delivered to William Teasdale, a carrier, who has promised to deliver them himself to you, on Thursday se'nnight, Aug. 2nd. When you have received them, I am ordered to desire you'll send a note of the receipt of them; that, in case of mortality, 20 they may know where to look for them.

As to that place you mention, Col. ii. 4. You will observe, that in one of the MSS. tho' the present reading is *sublimitate*, yet there is a rasure in the first letters, so far as *t*, part of which has suffered by it; 25 so that *sublimi* must be by another hand, tho' like the former. And it is joined so close to *in* (whereas all the other words are separate) that it appears the

original word must have been something shorter than *sublimi-*; so that considering the difference between *m* and *l*, (for the other letters are in effect the same) it must in all probability have been from the first
 5 hand, *subtilitate*. I do not find *Correctorium Biblicæ* in the Library.

The other Copies of the Gospels, which I mentioned in my last, I send not, because you desire only the Acts and Epistles; and you have so many
 10 Gospels of sufficient antiquity, as to have little need of those that are below age. However, I intend to collate them, and send you their various readings, because they seem to be all of them 600 years old or more. At the beginning of one of them, there
 15 are the names of about 30 persons, the first of which is Ailpy pr. This *Ailwy* I thought might be *Aldwynus*, the first Prior of Durham, an. 1080; and that the rest were the names of his monks: but I observed the letters *pr.* are added to another name or two
 20 besides the first.

Among the Latin Fathers, there are none older than the Bible I send you, except *Prudentius*, in Saxon letters. These that follow seem to be most of them of the same age.

25	Augustinus in Joannem, the same letter	}	folio.
	with the Bible.		
	——— another that looks older; but		
	that the a in the former, is		
	in this a, exactly the same		
30	with that is now used.		
	——— de Verbis Domini, like the		
	Bible.		

Augustinus in Eptam Sancti Joannis, 4to. and 8vo.

Beda in Eptas Pauli, fol.

——— Apocalypsin, 4to. and 8vo.

——— Marcum et Lucam, mentioned in the
Catalogue, not here. 5

Rabanus in Mattheum, fol. one of the Bishop's
books.

The Gospels are these, all in 4to. :—

Matthæus et Joannes cum glossa. Marcus cum
glossa ;——cum alia glossa. Lucas cum glossa ;—— 10
cum glossa alia. Joannes cum glossa ;——sine glossa.

If there is any thing in these Fathers, that you
desire to be satisfied in, I shall, upon notice, consult
them, and let you know what I find. As I shall
likewise collate the MSS. of the Gospels, and the 15
Acts and Epistles in two later MSS. of the whole
Bible, and send you their Variations from the Com-
mon text. I observe (from the little I looked into
them) but few rasures and corrections a manu 2^{da} ;
which will make the collation easier, and more to be 20
depended on.

I shall be very ready, so far as I am able, to be in
any measure subservient to the great work you have
undertaken, being sensible of its usefulness, and how
few there are willing, or indeed capable, of handling 25
it to any purpose. Men of excellent parts are seldom
willing to give themselves so much trouble as must
be undergone in collecting and collating so many
MSS. and seeking from other Writers whatever may
be of use to give light to their own. And persons of 30
great industry often want that ἀγχίνοια κριτική,

without which they will not be able to make a right use of the helps they have. To excel in all the qualifications necessary for so great a work, is the happiness of so few men, that all knowing and candid men, will be extremely pleased to hear that you have undertaken it; as not doubting but you will convince (if they are not resolved never to be convinced) and stop the mouths of the gainsayers: as has of late been sufficiently done by *Phileleutherus Lipsiensis*, in his excellent answer to the Free-thinkers; whose silence in this case no body will, I believe, impute to their modesty.

This would be still more effectually done, if you would write a Dissertation in answer to the vulgar objection against various readings, that they render the Text precarious. To this, tho' the same Phileleutherus has in 3 or 4 leaves given such an answer, as ought to satisfy all unprejudiced persons, yet it would be more satisfactory to them, and more convincing to others, if you would treat of it in its whole extent, so as to put an end to the Controversy for the future. And the doing of this seems to be the more necessary before your book, because (if I remember it right) one of Dr. Whitby's chief objections to Dr. Mills is, that he has more regard to the old Latin version, than it deserves.

Such a Dissertation would be very fit to make a part of the Prolegomena to the book. And it would be very proper to add to it another, de ratione emendandi Scriptores antiquos, præsertim sacros. For if the very collecting and publishing the various readings raised such a panic even among learned men;

how much greater will the fright be, when you make use of these and many more, to make the present readings give place to others? They will not stick to say that you do τὰ ἀκίνητα κινεῖν, and undermine the foundations. It would not be amiss to satisfy 5 such persons that the danger is not so great as they apprehend it; and that the sacred Writers have as good a title to the assistance of Critic, as any others.

Now that I have mentioned Phileleutherus, give me leave to observe, that it is something wondered 10 that he does not oblige the world with the continuation of that answer, which they received with so much applause, and are so desirous to see perfected. The finishing of it (if it is yet unfinished), would be but a diversion in the intervals of his more laborious studies, 15 and its publication will be very agreeable to all learned and ingenuous persons.

I return you many thanks for the pains you have taken to consider the objection I made to the present order of the 16th Ep. of Horace. What you observe, 20 I did not indeed take notice of, but it is very just. So that whether way it is writ, Horace cannot be acquitted of an oversight. The question is, whether he were more likely to be guilty of an improper repetition, or an incoherence in sense. The consent 25 of all MSS. is what indeed I know not how to answer.

But while I am taking notice of Horace's Oversight, I must not forget one of my own. In my last letter, when I was guessing at the age of a MS. 30 which was given by Bishop *William*, I said there were only *two* Bishops of that name, whereas there were *three* more: *Dudley*, 1476; *Sevier*, 1502; *James*,

1606. The truth is, that looking on the book to be about 500 years old, I did not go so low as *Dudley*, who was made Bishop but 240 years ago. And I presume you will not think the MS. to be so modern.

5 I am, with all respect,

Honoured Sir,

Your most obliged, humble servant,

THO. RUD.

To the Reverend DR. BENTLEY,

10 Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,

in CAMBRIDGE.

CXCIV.

RICHARDO BENTLEIO V. CL.

JO. JACOBUS WETSTENIUS S. P. D.

Eo majori me gaudio perfuderunt litteræ Tuæ,
 15 quod et avide eas expectarem, et res iis contentæ
 expectatione mea longe majores essent. Gratulor
 ex animo de invento thesauro in Bibliotheca Har-
 leiana, jamque incipio credere Theologis affirmanti-
 bus peculiarem providentiam Codicibus Sacris invigi-
 20 lare, vix enim alias, postquam summo Aymonii scelere
 evanuisent, tam opportune in manus Tuas incidere po-
 tuissent. Ego interim dum illis uteris gaudium istud
 tacite in sinu fovebo, ne forte re divulgata molestia
 Tibi inde creetur codicesque a possessore repetantur
 25 uti repetiti sunt prius alii quidam minoris pretii, ab
 eodem fure ablati et Regi Borussiae divenditi, id quod
 ex Bibliothecario hic me olim audisse memini.

Judicabis jam ipse αὐτόπτης de Claromontano, deque Simonii ad eum commentis, ut et de Latinis Codicibus Bibliothecæ Regiæ, quorum duos aut tres paululum inspexi.

Post acceptas litteras Tuas statim ad Ædes S. Germani advolavi visurus Montefalconium; quoniam autem rus abierat ipse cum socio Ruæo, non rediturus nisi sequenti hebdomade, nihil egi; non dubito tamen, quin inventurus sim illud *Germanum latum*, de quo quam primum fieri poterit certiolem Te reddam. 10

Nupera die Jovis ivi ad fanum S. Dionysii, sexto abhinc milliari, gnarus in Thesauro illius abbatiæ quosdam Bibliorum Codices adservari. Monstrarunt mihi Monachi primo Rob. Stephani Novum Testament. Græc. impressum in folio; dein MS. IV. Evangeliorum in quarto majori eleganter inscriptum membranæ purpurei coloris litteris argenteis et interdum aureis; æstimatur esse annorum M. Tertium quod vidi continet etiam IV. Evangelia, est in octavo latiori, aut quarto si vis minori, annorum DCCC.; iste 20 solus est ex iis quos hic inspexi, qui Lucæ II° non legat a *Cyrino* sed simpliciter *Cyrino*. Hæc obiter.

Vidi etiam P. Lequien Dominicanum (Editorem Jo. Damasceni) rogaturus ut ab Harduino Jesuitarum Bibliothecario amico suo Codicem antiquissimum IV. 25 Evang. commodato accipiat mihi que utendum det: respondit Jesuitas, ex quo lis illis cum Montefalconio eam ob rem orta esset, nulli amplius libros suos concedere: cæterum MS illud continere non nisi Evang. Matthæi perantiquum ex versione ante Hieronymum 30 facta caractere unciali exaratum: reliquos autem Evangelistas puram Hieronymi Versionem exhibere scriptos manu imitante priorem, hoc est, manu impos-

toris, de Codice isto loqui Simonium: locus ut modo vidi in Biblioth. Regia extat Libro Observatt. Criticarum ad Nov. Test. Parte II. Cap. XXI: nihil igitur aliud agendum restat, nisi ut Harduinum ipsum
 5 adeam rogemque; quod faciam, quamprimum mandata Tua accepero, quæ de hac re et aliis ut promisti expecto. Dum autem expecto litteras tuas, cogor in memoriam Tibi revocare, labi tempus, quo mihi a Præfecto militum hic commorandi licentia
 10 data est.

Re igitur considerata statui aut nunc elapso nimirum præstituto termino ad milites reverti aut nunquam: revertar autem nisi evidenter mihi constiterit magis ex re mea et esse et fore, si non revertar. His
 15 positis superfluum est plura addere; ita ergo rescribas rogo, ut ulteriori explicatione opus non sit, hanc enim moram angustia temporis non permitteret.

Interim omni mentis corporisque acie intentus sum in MS Ephraimi, in quo laborem licet improbum at
 20 meo iudicio non pœnitendum colloco, neque putem plus justo me Tibi promittere, si dicam observationes tertiam partem jam auctiores fore: postquam transmisero judicabis de utilitate incepti operis, de difficultate non potes qui codicem non vidisti, et vix alii
 25 poterunt etiamsi viderint.

Ego uti non aggressus sum opus istud nisi studio et Tibi et publico inserviendi, ita abunde compensatam æstimabo molestiam meam, si cognovero meam opellam et non ingratham Tibi et non inutilem esse,
 30 imo si cognovero exigui Tibi eam esse usus; ita enim tanto ero certior, Te iis instructum esse subsidiis quæ plusquam sufficiant ad parandam Editionem N. T. emendatissimam atque accuratissimam; quod

opus incomparabile uti ab omnibus valde desideratur,
ita mecum pro incolumitate Tua, a qua sola pendet,
ardentes ad Deum O. M. preces dare non cessabunt.
Vale, Vir Celeberrime. Dabam Lutetiæ Parisiorum,
XIX. Augusti N. St. Anni MDCCXVI.

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Chez Monsieur Birr, Banquier à Paris.

To the Reverend DOCTOR BENTLEY,
Master of TRINITY COLLEDGE,
in CAMBRIDGE.

En Angleterre.

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CXCV.

R. Bentley to J. J. Wetstein.

TRINITY COLL., Aug. 29, 1716.

DEAR SIR,

I WAS glad to receive your third letter from Paris, to which I write this second in answer. I can desire you to do no better than what you are doing¹⁵ already. The Ephraim, exact by your hand, will be well worth all the money it cost me.

As for the other affair you mention, about your going to the Swiss regiment, or else having a security of a better employment, without doubt, you have²⁰ reason. Consult, therefore, your own advantage. If you are desirous to go on in this way you now are in, tell me what you demand per annum, and how long; and I'll give you an answer whether I can

comply with it. And if you return to the Swiss regiment all [at?] the time agreed on, you'll find some leisure and some old MSS. in Flanders, [for] any of which you collate for me, I shall honorably
5 reward you.

I am, sir,

Your obliged humble servant.

R. BENTLEY.

CXCVI.

J. J. Wetstein to R. Bentley.

A PARIS, ce 19 Septembre, chez Monsieur BIRR.

10 MONSIEUR,

JE suis bien surpris de n'avoir point de Vos nouvelles, y ayant plus d'un mois depuis votre dernière. Je ne doute pas que Vous n'ayez reçu la mienne du 19 passé: j'ai été depuis plusieurs fois
15 voir le P. de la Ruë; il vous assure bien de ses respects, et Vous sera bien obligé de tout ce Vous voudrez bien lui communiquer touchant son Origene.

Il me montra un MS. des chaînes Grecques, dans lesquelles les Commentaires d'Origene sur les Pseaumes
20 sont mot pour mot comme Mons^r Humphrey les a voulu donner au public; il me pria de vous le faire savoir, puisque cela doit diminuer les prix des Collections qui sont entre les mains du dit Sieur.

J'ai été hier voir le P. Hardouin, qui m'a tres bien

reçu ; j'y retournerai de ce pas cy pour examiner de plus près les Evangiles qui sont aux Jesuites et qui peuvent avoir mil ans. J'ai déjà remarqué que le passage du V. de S. Jean, touchant l'ange qui troubloit l'eau ne s'y trouve pas, non plus que dans le 5 Grec d'Ephrem. J'espère que Vous aurez la bonté de me faire savoir par premieres, entre les mains de que je dois laisser les papiers, et comment vous les faire tenir. J'attendrai encore cette reponse, et je partirai incessamment l'ayant reçu ou n'en ayant point reçu. 10 J'ai l'honneur d'être tres parfaitement,

Monsieur,

Votre tres humble et tres obeissant Serviteur,

WETSTEIN.

To the Reverend DOCTOR BENTLEY,
Master of TRINITY COLLEDGE,
in CAMBRIDGE.

15

En Angleterre.

CXCVII.

R. Bentley to J. J. Wetstein.

DEAR SIR,

I AM sorry to find, by yours received yester- 20
 day, that my answer to yours of the 19 August never
 came to your hands. I wrote an answer the very
 next post after the receipt. I suspect it was suppress-
 ed in our Cambridge post-house, to get threepence
 that was paid down in advance. 25

My design succeeds wonderfully under my hands.

I have got the folio Paris edition of Greek and Latin Vulgate, 2 column ; and having interleaved it, I have made my essay of restoring both text and version ; and they agree and tally even to a miracle : but there
 5 will be (as near as I can guess) near 6000 variations, great and little, from the received Greek and Latin exemplars.

My service to all our friends there ; and if this letter has better fortune than my former, to come to
 10 your hands, pray write immediately an account of all your labours to

Your obliged and faithful

humble servant,

R. BENTLEY.

15 *A Monsieur WETSTEIN,*
chez Monsieur BIRR, Banquier,
à PARIS.

CXCVIII.

J. J. Wetstein to Richard Bentley.

A BOIS LE DUC, en HOLLANDE,
ce 3 Nov. 1716, chez Mons^r Chevalier FACTEUR.

20 MONSIEUR,

JE viens de recevoir à la fois deux des Votres, la premiere du 20 [29 ?] Août, la seconde sans date. Vous aurez reçu depuis celle que je m'étois donné l'honneur de Vous écrire le jour avant mon départ de
 25 Paris. Je serois bien fâché, si ce départ portoit pré-

judice en aucune manière à votre dessein, je suis sur au moins, qu'il n'y a pas de ma faute.

J'étois allé plusieurs fois à la Sorbonne pour demander après le *Correctorium Bibliorum*, mais toujours en vain, le Bibliothécaire pour les MSS. étant 5 allé en Campagne passer les ferries Caniculaires, et ne devant pas s'en retourner si tôt. Au reste s'il vous faut en avoir une copie, Vous n'avez qu'à en faire mention au P. de la Ruë; ou si Vous ne voulez pas prendre cette peine, Vous n'avez qu'à m'en charger; 10 et je suis sur, qu'il Vous la fera tenir, quand Vous le souhaiterez; comme aussi toute autre chose, dont Vous pourriez avoir besoin, et que je n'avois pas pu faire pendant mon séjour à Paris, particulièrement la Collation du *Germanum latum*, si ce MS. s'est retrouvé 15 depuis.

Je suis ravi que Vous avanciez si fort dans votre travail: et je Vous prie d'être assuré, que tout ce que j'y pourrai contribuer, je le ferai du meilleur de mon âme, et avec d'autant plus de plaisir, moins cela 20 vous sera à charge. Vous savez tant par ma dernière que d'ailleurs les memoires que j'ai en main, Vous savez aussi le mieux ce qui pourra vous servir; j'attens la dessus Vos commandemens. J'ai aussi écrit chez moi à Basle, pour que l'on m'envoie ce que j'y 25 avois amassé sur le N. T.

J'ai laissé ma Collation du MS. d'Ephrem à Paris, je l'ai fait sceller par mon Cousin, et j'ai fait faire votre adresse pour Londres, me doutant si vous y étiez, et croyant que ce seroit la voie la plus courte 30 pour Vous les faire tenir, j'espère que Vous l'aurez reçu depuis de mon ami Mr. Ricner, qui est parti de Paris il y à 15 jours, à ce qu'on m'a marqué. Si je

ne savois pas par avance, que Vous receviez tres bien tous les gens de lettres, quelques etrangers qu'ils Vous fussent d'ailleurs, j'oserois prendre la liberté de Vous le recommander, en cas qu'il aura l'honneur de
 5 Vous voir.

La leçon *οἰκοδομία*, 1 Tim. i. 4, ou le MS. de Clermont lisoit *οἰκοδομήν*, tire son origine à mon avis de Rom. xiv. 19, comme je crois qu'il Vous paroitra de même en comparant les deux endroits. Pour le pas-
 10 sage de 2 Tim. ii. 10, je trouve que le même MS. de Clermont lit *æterna* dans le Latin convenablement au Grec.

Je crois que Vous êtes satisfait par ma dernière sur ce qui regarde les Origeniana; le P. de la Ruë
 15 Vous donnera tout le tems pour les examiner, et Vous sera encore bien obligé, je crois même qu'il Vous aura déjà écrit sur ce sujet, il étoit allé à Corbie, en Picardie, avant que j'avois quitté Paris: par [pour?] l'Edition de Mr. Humphrey c'est juste-
 20 ment qu'il demande, pourvu qu'elle paroisse bientôt.

Je crois qu'il y aura bien de la peine à trouver quelque chose en Flandres, parcequ'on y est regardé comme un Heretique, et qu'on n'a pas la même poli-
 25 tesse envers les etrangers comme en France. Il faudroit savoir les Villes, ou y auroit quelque chose à voir, et taché de se procurer des addresses, avant que d'entreprendre le Voyage. Comme l'hiver s'ap-
 proche, et que je suis ici sans livres et sans connois-
 30 sances, il ne faut pas s'attendre que j'y puisse rien faire de mon Chef; tout ce que je puis faire, c'est après avoir reçu Vos directions, demander permission de mon Brigadier pour un mois ou plusieurs, et d'y aller.

On m'écrit pourtant de Hanover et de Paris, que
 Vous irez Vous même passer la mer. J'espere que
 Vous m'honorerez de Vos lettres, et que je pourrai
 alors Vous donner des preuves, que personne n'est
 plus porté à vous rendre service que moi, etant, 5

Monsieur,

Votre tres humble et tres obeiss. Serviteur,

J. J. WETSTEIN.

To the Reverend DOCTOR BENTLEY,

Master of TRINITY COLLEDGE,

in CAMBRIDGE. 10

En Angleterre.

CXCIX.

Dr. Bentley to Dr. Samuel Clarke.

TRIN. COLL., Nov. 18, 1716.

DEAR SIR,

I THANK you for your last kind letter, though 15
 wrote with such laconic brevity, as shews you to be
 either very busy, or very lazy. Since that we have
 had here a very jocular scene of malice and party
 rage. On the 3rd of November (Saturday in the
 morning) Lany, the blind stone-horse, as he's here 20
 called, wrote me in my absence as one of the compe-
 titors for the Vice-Chancellorship with Dr. Bradford
 and Mr. Grigg. The majority of Heads present
 pricked me and Mr. Grigg, which was designed as a
 slurr on me. But the news of it being received by 25
 my friends with a great deal of mirth, and the blind

horse's health passing at dinner through all our Vice-Master's table in the College-Hall, it alarm'd and scar'd the party so much, that they first broke the statute by calling a Congregation on the 3rd, not
 5 for the 4th day (Sunday) as usual, but for the fifth; and sent messengers for all their outliers within 20 miles of Cambridge to come at the election. The humour was well carried on by my friends to keep the fright up; and the enemy knew nothing but they
 10 were in earnest, 'till they were in the schools: where above fifty friends appear'd, and laughing at the others fears and new faces, went out of the schools (as I had privately desir'd them) without voting at all. Thus ended the farce and the fantome of their
 15 own raising; which they now boast of abroad as a legitimate victory, and as a just revenge for making and managing the late Address. And indeed the fury of the whole disaffected and Jacobite party here against me and Mr. Waterland is unexpressible: one
 20 would think that the late Address had given them a mortal blow, by the desperate rage they are in.

I suppose you have seen a virulent lying paper printed at London about the Address, wherein Mr. Waterland and I are described as objects of their
 25 universal hatred. Nothing now will satisfy them but I must be put by the Professor's chair: and the Church is in great danger from my New Testament. I cannot tell how much the Ministry think us worth their consideration; but here is certainly such a
 30 juncture, that they may either make the University their own, or let the Jacobite party carry all here before them, and the King's present of books continue rotting in their baggs.

If the proposal *In usum Principis Frederici* goes on, and is finish'd upon the King's return, and either a prebend or a living in the King's patronage is given to Mr. Waterland, I dare undertake that the Court shall hear no more of the Jacobite party here. On 5 the contrary, as all eyes are now open here, and gaze with expectation, if Mr. Waterland and I are neglected above, and expos'd here below, defenceless, to the malice of an enrag'd mob of malecontents, no person henceforth in this place can or will stir one 10 foot to bear up against the stream. This, I know, may look selfish, and may be ill turned by an enemy; but it's the true state of the case, and the event will prove it so.

As I undertook for the Address to Lord Towns- 15 hend, so I perform'd it in spite of all the arts and power of the party, by a more than double majority, 71 against 29; and if the conditions above are done, all future things will have the same success. For we know their numbers, and are sure we can outvote 20 them if we have these credentials of the Court's approbation. Even now, had Miller been turned out, and the royal answer given to the College, I could (had I pleas'd) have made myself Vice-Chancellor, in spite of all their Posse. But at present several 25 Neuters are in uncertainty, apprehensive that we act without commission, reproach'd as beggars of preferment, but our performances slighted. Come, I have long known you to be honest, public-spirited, and a hearty lover of the Government and Learning; make 30 use of this account to the public good, prevent Jacobite principles in our youth; and *Hicksian* doctrines in our schools: and let's hear what sentiments you

have, what endeavours you make; and pray extend your Spartan jejunity to the length of a competent letter.

I am

5 Your affectionate Friend and Servant,
R. BENTLEY.

For the Rev. DR. CLARKE,
at his House near ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,
LONDON.

CC.

Dr. Bentley to ———.

10 TRIN. COLL., Jan. 1, 17 $\frac{1}{7}$.

SIR,

YOURS of December the 20 came safely to my hands, wherein you tell me from common fame, that, in my designed edition of the New Testament,
15 I purpose to leave out the verse of John's Epistle I. chap. 5, ver. 7.

About a year ago, reflecting upon some passages of St. Hierom, that he had adjusted and castigated the then Latin Vulgate to the best Greek exemplars, and
20 had kept the very order of the words of the original, I form'd a thought, *a priori*, that if St. Jerom's true Latin Exemplar could now be come at, it would be found to agree exactly with the Greek text of the same age; and so the old copies of each language (if
25 so agreeing) would give mutual proof, and even demonstration, to each other. Whereupon, rejecting

the printed editions of each, and the several manuscripts of seven centuries and under, I made use of none but these of a thousand years ago, or above, (of which sort I have 20 now in my study, that one with another make 20,000 years). I had the pleasure 5 to find, as I presaged, that they agreed exactly like two tallies, or two indentures; and I am able from thence to lead men out of the labyrinth of 60,000 various lections, (for St. Jerom's Latin has as many varieties as the Greek), and to give the text, as it 10 stood in the best copies in the time of the Council of Nice, without the error of 50 words.

Now in this work I indulge nothing to any conjecture, not even in a letter, but proceed solely upon authority of copies and Fathers of that age. And 15 what will be the event about the said verse of John, I myself know not yet; having not used all the old copies that I have information of.

But by this you see, that, in my proposed work, the fate of that verse will be a mere *question of fact*. 20 You endeavour to prove, (and that's all you aspire to,) that it *may* have been writ by the Apostle, being consonant to his other doctrine. This I concede to you; and if the fourth century knew that text, let it come in, in God's name; but if that age did not 25 know it, then Arianism in its height was beat down without the help of that verse: and, let the *fact* prove as it will, the *doctrine* is unshaken.

Yours,

RIC. BENTLEY. 30

CCI.

J. Shaw to R. Bentley.

LONDON, 29th March, 1717.

SIR,

THE cause of truth needs no apology. I shall therefore, (although a stranger), make none for giving
 5 you this trouble, further than by telling you, that, being informed you are about publishing a correct edition of the New Testament, freed from several errors now in it, my conscience and my love to truth oblige me recomend to your perusal the pamphlet
 10 herewith sent you, intituled, "A full Inquiry into the Original authority of that text, 1 John 5th and 7th. *There are three that bear record in Heaven, &c.*, containing an account of Dr. Mill's evidences from Antiquity, for and against its being genuine, with an
 15 examination of his judgment thereupon, humbly addressed to both houses of Convocation now assembled, printed for J. Baker at the Black Boy in Pater-Noster Row, 1715, and sold by J. Darby, in Bartholomew-Close, London;" and which has hi-
 20 therto, and I believe will for ever remain unanswerable, and which has made it plain that the said text never was in St. John's original epistle, and, therefore, 'tis to be hoped you will leave it out in yours.

The blessed Trinity require it at your hands, in
 25 vindication of their honour, and of the truth of those sacred oracles, they have graciously given, as the sole rule of doctrine for men, and which ought to be freed from a spurious interlineation foisted therein. Reli-

gion demands it, which has already but too much suffered, through such indirect, villanous, and pernicious practices; all learned men expect it, knowing your great abilities in critical learning; lastly, the souls of millions of mankind implore it from you, 5 who have suffered, and are daily suffering, in doctrines relating to their eternal salvation. I shall, therefore, add no more, but subscribe myself, with the utmost respect and sincerity,

Sir,

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Your most faithful
humble Servant, (though unknown),

J. SHAW.

To the Reverend DR. BENTLEY,
Master of TRINITY COLLEDGE,
in CAMBRIDGE.

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CCII.

R. Bentley to J. J. Wetstein.

CAMBRIDGE, *April 14, old style.*

GOOD MR. WETSTEIN,

YOUR letters from Bois-le-duc came safe to my hands, in one of which you mentioned you had 20 sent some more papers by Wetsteins, the booksellers, who were then coming for England. I delayed my answer till I should receive the said papers. Mr. Ryhiner, [Ricner?] of Basil, brought me the *Variæ Lectiones Codicis Ephraim*, for which I thank you. 25 Mr. Scheurerus, professor of Berne, who saw you at

Paris, is now at Cambridge, and dines with me frequently. I wish you a good journey home, and hope you will continue, even there, to assist me in my designed edition of the New Testament, which proceeds
 5 beyond my expectation. Whatever you send me of collations from the oldest Greek or Latin MSS. shall be thankfully acknowledged as well as honourably rewarded

By your faithful friend and servant,

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R. BENTLEY.

*A Monsieur WETSTEIN, de BASLE,
 chez Messieurs WETSTEIN, Libraires,
 à AMSTERDAM.*

CCIII.

VIRO SUMME REVERENDO

15 ATQUE ERUDITISSIMO D. D. RICHARDO BENTLEIO
 DIGNISSIMO

COLLEGII S. TRINITATIS CANTABRIGIENSIS MODERATORI
 S. P. D.

FR. CAROLUS DE LA RÜE, MONACHUS

20 BENEDICTINUS E CONGREGATIONE STI. MAURI.

MIRABERE forsan, vir Præstantissime, cur pro eruditissimis in Origenianum opus *περὶ εὐχῆς* observationibus, quas adeo benigne mihi pollicitus es, nondum tibi debitas persolverim grates. Sed si quid
 25 hac in re a me peccatum sit, id sane totum non ingrati animi vitiotribuendum, sed ingenio meo ad leviter credendum minus facili.

Et vero tametsi nihil mihi unquam jucundius

acciderit officiosis optimi adolescentis Wetstenii literis quibus istam tuam declarabas de me bene merendi voluntatem, effecit tamen celebratissimum toto orbe tuum nomen ut iis aliquantulum diffiderem. Quis enim facile crediderit Doctissimum illum Bent-⁵ leium tot editis immortalibus admirabilis ingenii sui monumentis clarum, alia quæ majori eruditorum omnium expectatione jamjam parturit opera, aliquandiu omissurum, ut mihi homini prorsus ignoto gratificetur?¹⁰

Itaque diu præ rei novitate, ut par erat, num vera renunciaret amicus Westenius, incertus mansi: sed cum Doctissimus Petrus Needham idem Montfauconio nostro quod antea mihi Wetstenius, literis suis significavit, omni jam dubitatione remota, gratissimo¹⁵ animo, vir Beneficentissime, agnosco singularem humanitatem tuam eximiæ tuæ eruditioni parem, nec satis testari possum quantum mihi in votis sint promissæ istæ tuæ emendationes: de quibus etsi jam maximam animo concepi opinionem, haud dubito ta-²⁰ men quin longe adhuc vincant expectationem meam, a viro nimirum profectæ cujus qui nescit mirabile in Castigandis veteribus auctoribus κριτήριον, is prorsus nescire se literas fateatur necesse est.

Utinam per summas tuas occupationes liceret tibi,²⁵ Vir Amplissime, quam in tractatum περὶ εὐχῆς exercere vis censoriam virgulam, eadem notare et castigare Origenianas ἐξηγήσεις in Johannem, et tractatum de Martyrio! Quam certa spes foret innumera propemodum loca quæ ibidem misere corrupta aut³⁰ lacunis horrida passim occurrunt, tua sagaci industria in saniozem statum revocatum iri! Verum quoniam te melioribus intentum ad ejusmodi censuram

provocare, hominis esset prorsus inverecundi ad petendum, et tua benignitate nimium abutentis, id unum rogo, Vir ornatissime, ut persuasum habeas te doctas tuas in opus *περὶ εὐχῆς* observationes non
 5 esse Beneficiorum immemori traditurum. Si quid enim laudis mea istius tractatus editio merebitur, maiorem certe illius partem tibi, ut par erit, referam acceptam, nec in lucem prodibit sine summa tuorum in me officiorum commemoratione et debita docti no-
 10 minis tui laude.

Quod spectat jam ad Origenis in Psalmos *ἐξηγητικά ἀνέκδοτα* quæ prælo proxima habet clarissimus Humphreys musarum, ut audio, tuarum alumnus, doleo, vir humanissime, tua hac in re benevolentia
 15 frui mihi non licere. Renuntiavit equidem optimus Wetstenius, intercedente tua in Dominum Humphreys auctoritate, hunc ita esse animo paratum ut quaecumque habet Origenis *ἀνέκδοτα* fragmenta, in meos usus bona fide velit tradere, modo prius re-
 20 præsentem quinquaginta Anglicanas argenti libras quas dudum a Typographo suo recepit. Nihil sane æquius; et lubens agnosco in discipuli tui animo impressa Bentleianæ urbanitatis vestigia: sed tibi non latet, Vir Clarissime, quid ex se possit is qui suæ
 25 spontis non est et ex aliorum vivit arbitrio.

Hic plane sum ego totus a Præpositi mei Generalis nutu pendens, qui licet studiis meis impense fa-
 veat, negat tamen tanti, imo longe minoris emendam esse gloriam istorum ineditorum *ἐξηγητικῶν* in lucem
 30 primum proferendi: *αὐτὸς ἔφα·* hoc unum tamen me solatur quod pene certus sim nullum fere *ἀνέκδοτον* Origenis fragmentum habere clarissimum Humphreys quod jam penes me non sit. Quid enim? ex MSS.

catenis hæc ἀνέκδοτα eruit Ernestus Grabe ὁ μακα-
ρίτης. Atqui perampla in Galliis, Romæ et Vindo-
bonæ catenarum est copia unde jam numerosam ex-
cerpsi ejusmodi ineditorum fragmentorum messem,
sed non auream. Non enim magno judicio pollebant 5
boni illi catenarum consarcinatores quibus plerum-
que id unum curæ fuit morales Patrum expositiones
ad nauseam usque obtrudere, neglectis melioribus.
Tanti ergo non videntur momenti istæc inedita ἐξη-
γητικὰ in Psalmos ut seorsim ab aliis Adamantii 10
Operibus segregata in lucem prodire mereantur.

Sed quoniam Clarissimo Humphreys aliter visum
est, sincere exopto ut sua hæc Origenianarum ἐξη-
γήσεων editio felicem sortiatur exitum. Vale, vir
clarissime, et de literis bene mereri perge. Scribebam 15
Lutetiæ Parisiorum in monasterio S. Germani a Pratis,
pridie Kalendas Maias.

Dominus Bernardus de Montfaucon et Clarissimus
Dominus Kuster, qui tua in se, dum in Anglia degeret,
beneficia ubique commemorat, mihi mandarunt ut 20
suam tibi salutem adscriberem.

CCIV.

Ed. ? Rud to R. Bentley.

DURHAM, Nov. 29, 1717.

REVEREND SIR,

SINCE I came to this place, I have been em-
ployed almost wholly in collating MSS.; and, since 25
my chief design is to do you some service, I would

very gladly receive your directions how I may bestow my time most to your satisfaction.

If it had been possible for me to have collated all the MSS. of the Testament which I find here, I
 5 would not have given you this trouble; for I would not have declined the labour, if I could have given you any satisfaction by it. But since neither my health nor time will allow me to do that, I beg the favour of your directions how I may employ my day-
 10 light to the best advantage.

Here are (I think) 14 or 15 several MSS. of the whole or some parts of the New Testament. My Brother collated St. Matthew with 7 MSS., and I have gone thro' 3 of St. Mark, and there are 3 or 4 more
 15 to come; besides about as many that have St. Luke and St. John. This made me suspect that if I took the books in Order, I might possibly leave that part undone which you would be most desirous to see; for I think you are much better furnished with MSS.
 20 of the Gospels than of the Acts and Epistles. And as here are but 2 MSS. which have them all, and a 3rd which hath the Acts, Apocalypse, and Canonical Epistles, I thought 'twould be the best way to secure them; and if I had any time to spare, I might be-
 25 stow it upon the remaining Gospels.

Accordingly, I began anew at the Acts, having gotten Beza's Test., which is much fitter than that which my Brother begun with. The 1st MS. that I took in hand was the 4th Vol. of Bishop Pudsey's
 30 most magnificent Bible: I went thro' the Acts, and was extremely concerned to find that it had been taken from a very bad Copy; for, besides abundance of other Errors, the glosse is often received into the

Text; and yet it corrects the Vulgate remarkably in Acts xviii. 21, and sometimes rectifies the Order of the words. The next is also part of a very stately Bible; and as it is certainly about that time, so I fancy this also was done by Pudsey's Order, for the 5 Common Use of the Monastery, (for it hath been pretty much used), as the other was designed for stateliness in the Library. Upon trial, I find they have both been taken from the same Copy, tho' each of them hath Errors peculiar to itself. I therefore 10 laid it down, and took up the 3rd, which was given by Henry de Mellaneby. I doubt it is later than either of the others, but it is certainly taken from a different Copy; and tho' it hath Errors enough, yet I think 'tis not quite so bad as Pudsey's. Most of 15 the Copies of the Gospels which I have seen are manifestly older than any of these, for several of them seem to be in the 11th Century.

Thus, Sir, I have given you a brief view of my materials, and desire your directions, which I must 20 go to work with, and in what manner. For hitherto I have been pretty exact in observing every petty variance, and even manifest Errors. This makes the work very tedious (insomuch that the 3 MSS. of St. Mark kept me very hard at work for one week,) and 25 crowds the margin, to little purpose, I fancy; for I presume you may not be very desirous to know all the Errors of the writer, or gross corruptions of the Text; and perhaps you may not be very solicitous to inquire how many of the modern books read *eū*, in- 30 stead of *illū*: and yet those little words and their kindred give an exact Collator a great deal of trouble.

Please, therefore, to let me have your directions

as to the manner in which you would have these books collated. Whilst I stay here, the little daylight that we have shall be wholly at your service; so that 'tis indifferent to me whether I be exact or
 5 no; only I shall not be able to do so much this way as otherwise I might do.

I am, Reverend Sir,

Your most obliged and most obedient
 humble Servant,

[EDW^D?] RUD.

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For the Reverend DR. BENTLEY,
Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,
in CAMBRIDGE.

CCV.

Richardo Bentleio J. J. Wetsteinius.

[*Prior Epistolæ Pagina desideratur*].

DESCRIPSI interim magnam partem libri MS.
 15 qui vocatur Correctiones Bibliæ, qui non tanti est momenti, ac primum æstimaram, cum Lucas Brugen-
 sis fere omnia jam et prolixius recenseat: nunc in
 eo sum ut Codicem integrum Novi Testamenti, ex-
 cepta Apocalypsi, quo Erasmus olim ex ante eum
 20 Reuchlinus usus est, quemque in plerisque vel cum
 Cantabrigiensi Bezæ vel cum Codice Ephraim con-
 venire deprehendo, denuo accuratius conferendum a
 Bibliothecario nostro impetrem. Quod si ea re gra-
 tum tibi fiat, et occasio suppeditat, libentissime om-
 25 nia ad Te transmittam, ut ostendam, me nihil magis
 cupere quam ut Tibi placeam, Vir Summe, tuisque

inserviam commodis. Vale. Dabam Basileæ, VII.
Junii MDCCXVIII.

Mon adresse, " Mr. Wetstein, recommandé à Mon-
sieur Birr, Banquier à Paris."

To the Reverend DR. BENTLEY,
Master of TRINITY COLLEDGE,
in CAMBRIDGE.

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En Angleterre.

CCVI.

VIRO REVERENDO ET NOBILISSIMO
RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D. PETRUS BURMANNUS. 10

DUBITAVI diu an iterum tibi literis meis
molestiæ esse vellem, cum ad binas jam ante aliquot
annos ad te scriptas nihil responsi tulerim, neque ab
eo tempore quidquam ad me pervenerit, unde de
voluntate tua erga me pristina certior esse possem. 15

Quia tamen semper eruditionem tuam suspexi, et
nominis tui cultum coram omnibus præ me tuli,
nolui committere, ut si ex veteri amicitia aliquid de-
cesserit, mea negligentia aut culpa id factum esse
dici posset. Quare per hunc disciplinæ nostræ ado- 20
lescentem, qui præter ceteros hujus ævi egregie li-
teris humanioribus animum excoluit, et nunc studio
videndi Bibliothecas et viros doctos in Britanniam
contendit, salutem tibi dici meis verbis jussi, simul-
que hoc leve munusculum offerri, quo si tibi forte 25
exciderimus, memoria nostri renovaretur; Sin vero
tibi minus placere cœpi, caussam certe frigoris, quo

me percussisse videris, cognoscerem. Vale, Vir Reverende. Leydæ, a. d. XXVI Jun. CIOCCCXVIII.

Viro Reverendo et Celeberrimo

RICHARDO BENTLEIO, REGI BRITANNIARUM

5 *a Bibliotheca Theol. Professori etc.*

CANTABRIGIÆ.

Amica Manu.

CCVII.

CLARISSIMO VIRO ET JUCUNDISSIMO AMICO SUO

JO. JACOBO WETSTENIO S. P. D.

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RICHARDUS BENTLEIUS.

LITERAS tuas accepi, Basileæ datas VII. Jan. [Jun.?] 1718, pro quibus gratias tibi ago quam maximas. Eodem die quo eas acceperam scripsi ad Cognatos tuos Wetstenios Amstelodami, ut Codicem illum Paulinarum Epistolarum Græco-Latinum mihi 15 venundarent, quo vellent pretio æstimandum. Illi statim rescripserunt, sibi librum illum constitisse 250 florenis Hollandicis, sed ob beneficia a me partim accepta partim adhuc sperata se eodem pretio sine 20 ullo lucro mihi vendituros. Misi igitur illis eam nummorum summam Amstelodamum, et librum intra paucos dies expecto.

Beasti ergo me, ut vides, cum illo tuo nuncio: et si quid ejusmodi veterrimæ notæ in aliis regionibus 25 Tibi innotuerit, quæso ut me facias certiore. Gratissimum est, quod Correctiones Bibliæ descripsisti: vix tamen crediderim eundem esse auctorem cum Lucæ Brugensis illo, quem Epanorthoten vocat.

Magno sane emerim, ipsum illum Lucae librum nancisci: nam et longe optimus est, et, ut nosti, Lucas in notandis Lectionibus ultra 4 Evangelia non procedit. Opus est mihi igitur Lectionibus quæ supersunt, ad Acta et Epistolas. Quod in Reuchlini codice jam occupatus sis, gaudeo: etsi ætatem ejus non memoraveris.

Jam autem illud unice expeto, ut si quos Latinos veteris notæ Actuum, Epistolarum, et Apocalypseos Codices apud vos repereris, eos accuratissime tam ad verba quam ad verborum ordinem cum Papæ editione conferas: hujusmodi Latinos veterrimos vel Græcis ipsis prætulerim: In Evangeliiis autem tam uberem MSS. copiam penes me habeo, ut nihil amplius optem. Vale et me ama. Dabam Cantabrigiæ, X. Julii, 1718.

CCVIII.

R. Bentleio J. J. Wetsteinus.

GRATISSIMUM est quod intellexi ex litteris tuis, gaudere te admodum invento Codice illo Epistolarum Paulinarum Græco-Latino. Confido autem, Te, qui soles ea detegere, quæ omnes alios latent, plura de illo Codice observaturum, quæ oculos meos fugerant, atque ita ex inspectione deprehensurum nulla me usum esse exaggeratione.

Nihil ab eo tempore audivi, utrum Liber ille in manus tuas pervenerit, aut quomodo procedat omnium votis desiderata editio tua Novi Testamenti; ad nos

enim, qui in isto mundi angulo vivimus, nonnisi sero et incertis rumoribus omnia perferuntur.

Patere interim, Vir clarissime, ut brevem status mei delineationem Tibi proponam. A quo tempore
 5 ad Diaconatum Communem Ecclesiarum nostrarum vocatus in patriam redii, vivo in domo patris mei; statio autem illa, licet pro mea ætate valde sit honorifica, tamen, ut verum fatear, neque studiis neque
 10 genio meo convenit, nam inde laboris plus haurire mali est, quam ex re decerpere fructus; inprimis postquam hoc anno Senatus noster decrevit, ut omnia officia publica non aliter nisi sortis jactu uni ex tribus candidatis conferrentur, quo pacto expectatio promotionis infra trientem diminuta est. Officium præsens
 15 totum me detinet, ita ut parum sit otii ad aliud agendum: et si superesset, post ea quæ jam feci, nihil tamen hic causam tuam juvare possem.

Vides in quantas angustias me conjecerim: cum ergo hac non processerit, constitui alia rem aggredi
 20 via. Nosti, Vir Cl., quid præstare possim in opere, quod moliris; cognosces facile, utrum e re tua sit necne, uti ministerio meo, et quomodo; velimque cognoscas me ad omnia fore paratissimum, dummodo inde aliquid non dico te dignum, sed saltem me non
 25 indignum sperare possem; durissimum enim foret, si post tot insumtos labores, et studium plurium annorum indefessum, quale in hoc genere literarum requiritur, in incertum movendo, nihil reportarem nisi oculos hebetes, animumque ad alia studia ineptum;
 30 istud, qua semper fuisti æquitate, sine dubio nolles.

Verbum non addam cum sciam, non unam tibi suppetere viam hanc difficultatem solvendi. Recordaberis, opinor, quid olim et quam liberaliter obtuleris,

quantasq̄re spes feceris. Quod si vero non consultum ducas opella mea porro uti, non ægre feres, si quocunque alio modo coner emergere, chartasque meas aut publici, ad quod multi me sollicitant, aut alieni juris faciam, aut plane cæstus artemque reponam. 5 Super his omnibus Te confidentius interrogatum volui, vir Celeb., agnoscens Te tuo quodam jure hic posse sententiam dicere, quam avidissime exspecto. Vale.

CCIX.

CLARISSIMO VIRO RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D.

J. P. BIGNONIUS.

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QUOD tribus aut quatuor ab hinc annis, nullas a me Litteras acceperis, Vir Clarissime, negligentia factum esse nolim existimes. Equidem minime te celaverim maximis hactenus occupationibus impeditum silentio parum etiam illis me satisfecisse 15 quorum amicitiam honori mihi esse intelligebam. Attamen cum te semper in primis observaverim, ultro te provocavissem, nisi tibi aut molestus, aut novæ quam moliris Terentii Editioni, vel aliquantulum moræ injicere, Religio fuisset. 20

Nunc vero cum Reipublicæ Litterariæ, ut ad te scribam plurimum intersit, silere hominis foret nimium verecundi. Sed ad rem ut veniam; Audivi nuper, nonnullos ex MSS. Regiæ Bibliothecæ Codicibus, quos nefario scelere Aimundus quidam furatus 25 est, in Anglia divenditos esse. Quid autem me illius Bibliothecæ Præfectum præstare deceat, certe

non ignoras; neque dubito, quin pro singulari tua erga me benevolentia sedulo enitaris, ut ii codices qui apud vos delitescent in pristinas tandem sedes redeant. Tua vero ad eam rem opera uti ideo visum
 5 est, quod illo beneficio, maximam non solum a nostris, sed et ab Eruditis omnibus gratiam initurus sis. Itaque abs te summopere peto, ut cum iis agas qui nostros codices sibi compararunt. Eadem quam in eis emendis impenderunt, vel etiam major, si necesse
 10 sit, pecuniæ summa numerabitur. Hæc sunt quæ jamdudum scribere cupienti animum addidere.

Unum nunc restat, quod a te magnopere impetrare velim, nempe ut de tuis rebus me certiores facias. Etsi enim egregiis illis operibus quæ a te hactenus
 15 edita sunt, eam nominis famam peperisti, cui vix quidquam addi posse videatur, tamen si a te promissa ad umbilicum perduxeris, ante actis tuis in Rempublicam Litterariam meritis non parum splendoris accedet: Quod tibi cum gloriosissimum futurum sit,
 20 postulat officii ratio, ut ipse qui te semper maxime colui, horter ad ea persequenda, quæ non mediocrem Publico utilitatem, tibi vero amplissimam laudum segetem allatura sunt. Vale, Vir Clarissime, meque ut amas, amare perge.

CCX.

ILLUSTRISSIMO ET DOCTISSIMO DOMINO, DOMINO,
 RICHARDO BENTLEIO MAGNÆ BRITANNIÆ REGIS
 CAPELLANO DIGNISSIMO CAROLUS RUÆUS
 MONACHUS BENEDICTINUS IN DOMINO, SALUTEM.

ANNI fere duo sunt, Vir Illustrissime, cum op- 5
 timus adolescens Basileensis nomine Westhenius, lite-
 ratorum hominum, tuique potissimum videndi causa
 in Insulam vestram profectus est. Dum Oxoniæ age-
 ret, certæ pecuniæ, quam ultro ipsi proposueram, con-
 ditione usus, aliquot Origenis MSS. codices Græcos 10
 tum Operis contra Celsum, tum Commentariorum in
 Johannem cum editis sedulo conferre meo rogatu
 aggressus est.

Re perfecta, ante ejus ex Anglia discessum, duo
 in te, Vir Clarissime, perhumaniter recepisti, fore ut 15
 si tecum hasce discrepantes lectiones quas in meos
 usus exscripserat, communicaret, certumque ad tem-
 pus tibi crederet, illas postmodum ad me remitteres,
 deinde tuas in loca plurima intricata adjungeres
 observationes, eas præsertim propemodum infinitas, 20
 quas in Scriptiunculam *περὶ εὐχῆς* jamdudum paratas
 habes.

Non commisit Westhenius ut tui tam liberalis
 promissi fructu carerem; totum quod exscripserat,
 fidei tuæ commisit, et ad patriam suam reversus est. 25
 Jam vero sex abhinc mensibus Variæ istæ lectiones
 permultum mihi opus sunt, et vix dici potest quan-
 topere tuas sermonis *περὶ εὐχῆς* emendationes exoptem:
 Hic enim tractatus et commentaria in Johannem sola

mihi supersunt, quorum novam interpretationem nondum adornaverim, expectandum ratus donec summæ tuæ ad genuinas veterum scriptorum lectiones discernendas sagacitatis auxilio, et MSS. Oxoniensium ope
 5 loca hiulca supplere, aut fœdata et corrupta emendare possim. Obsecro, Vir Doctissime, da operam ut quamprimum voti compos fiam. Certum hominem tibi offero D. Paulum Vaillant bibliopolam Londinensem qui doctas ejusmodi merces, quas a te spero,
 10 summa fide ad me deferri curabit.

Valde aveo scire quid illis futurum sit Origenis in Psalmos *ἀνεκδότοις ἐξηγητικοῖς* quorum prospectum Dominus Humphreys musarum tuarum, ita aiunt, alumnus, eruditorum judicio duobus abhinc annis subje-
 15 cit. Numquid tandem in lucem prodibunt? Vulgatus hic bibliopolarum Parisiensium sermo est, ejusmodi *ἀνέκδοτα* nunquam typis Anglicanis mandatum iri. Id sane mihi dolet; si enim prius apud vos publicata fuissent, quam mea omnium quotquot reperire potui
 20 Origenis operum recensio, spes erat inde operi meo facilem et magni momenti accessionem fore.

Hac sublata, necesse erit ut integrum bibliothecæ Coislinianæ Codicem Græcum describam et Latine vertam, nisi forte Doctus Humphreys, aut ejus Typo-
 25 graphus qui hæc *ἀνέκδοτα* typis recusat subjicere, mecum ea pacisci velint certo et definito futuræ meæ editionis exemplarium numero. Vide, quæso, vir illustrissime, numquid illis ejusmodi conditio place-
 ret. Suus certe erudito Humphreys tribueretur ho-
 30 nos in fronte *ἀνεκδότων* quæ non sine debita ejus laude in lucem emitterem.

Magna hic Eruditorum expectatio est quemnam exitum habitura sit tua ad Regis vestri Concilium

provocatio, nec ullus est qui non cupiat ut novitas iniquitasque decreti quo te Angliæ decus et Ornamentum malevoli et invidi homines Universitate Cantabrigiensi extrudere ausi sunt, quantocius rescindatur. Vale

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PARISIIS *in* MONASTERIO STI. GERMANI *a Pratis,*
XIII. *Kalendas April. ann. 1719.*

CCX.

VIRO REVERENDO ET CELEBERRIMO
RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D. PETRUS BURMANNUS.

Hoc ipso temporis articulo, quo Velleius Pa- 10
terculus a me editus exit, offert mihi se Juvenis optimus Britannus, in patriam rediturus, cui commisi exemplar tibi tradendum, quod amicitiae et voluntatis meae erga te esset pignus et tessera. Id ut ita accipias velim, meque excuses si longiori non detineam 15
te epistola, quia deprehensus intra breve otii spatium, hæc exarare cogor, ideoque pluribus de quibusdam studiorum communium capitibus tecum agendi opportunitate destituor.

Quintilianus intra mensem absolvetur: sed cum 20
moles libri et avaritia nostrorum librariorum pauca mihi exemplaria relinquat, ne ægre feras quæso, si illiberalior, quam vellem, tibi videar, nam, si ad amicos hic terrarum solos mittenda mihi sint librorum, qui aliquando mea cura prodeunt, exemplaria, pro opere 25
et labore maximum damnum ferrem, cum ne nunc quidem indemnis abire possim. Vale, vir celeberrime, et me ama. Leidæ, a. d. XIV. Jul. CIOIOCCXIX.

CCXI.

VIRO CLARISSIMO ET DE LITTERARIA
 REPUBLICA IMMORTALITER MERITO BENTLEIO
 THUILLERIUS MON. BEN. S. P. D.

PLURIMUM optasset D. Walkerus, dignus tan-
 5 to Magistro discipulus, ut sibi a nostris licentia da-
 retur conferendi celebris illius nostri Codicis, qui
 litteris ut vocant uncialibus descriptus Epistolas D.
 Pauli Græcas et easdem e regione Latine versas con-
 tinet. Neque nobis, D. Bernardo Montfauconio ejus-
 10 que sociis, quidquam fuisset optatius, quam ut cum
 illo communicaretur. Ita enim tibi nos summa tua
 eruditio summa cum humanitate juncta devinxit, ut
 nullum sit grati animi officium, quod tibi persolvere
 non ex animo cupiamus. Obtinere tamen nihil hac-
 15 tenus potuit. Qua de causa paucis dicam.

Jam tres annos est, cum duo e nostris Sodalibus
 Editionem parant Versionis, quæ in usu erat, ante-
 quam Hieronymus de vertendo utroque Testamento
 cogitaret, quamque Italicam appellant. Res ex voto
 20 succedit. Præsto sunt Veteris libri plurimi, plurima
 aliorum librorum fragmenta, quæ cum ex MSS. Co-
 dicibus, tum ex veterum Ecclesiæ Latinæ Scriptorum
 operibus messuerunt. Novum in perantiquo illo nos-
 tro Codice aut certe non modicam ejus partem habe-
 25 re se putant. Operis autem dispositio erit ejusmodi:
 Duplex columna duplicem Versionem repræsentabit,
 altera Vulgatam, Italicam altera. Quoniam vero a
 Vulgata non ita differt Italica, ut huic necesse sit
 propriam assignari columnam, tantum inscribendos

oris Libri versus curabunt, ubi Italica cum altera non omni ex parte consentiet. Hos autem variantes versus ducent potissimum ex nostro Codice, quia persuasum illis est puram putam Italicam in illo exhiberi. Habes quæ mens eorum sit; qui metus, accipe. 5

De tua Novi Testamenti Editione, nescio quid sibi in animum induxerunt, te Hieronymianæ Versioni adjecturum, aut in margine aut ad calcem, variantes nostri Codicis lectiones: quas cum et ipsi vulgare 10 statuerint, metuunt videlicet, ne, illis a te editis, illas rursum hic edendo actum agant. Atque hæc eorum ratio tanti apud nostros Præpositos fuit, ut diu incertum fuerit utram in partem propenderent. Vellem in eorum cœtu vidisses D. Bernardum, quam 15 strenue Benteleianas partes tueretur; turpe esse quidpiam denegare Viro celebri qui nos tot ac tantis beneficiis cumulaverat, qui tam propensa voluntate non emendationes tantum, sed et libros ipsos transmittabat; se, si suscepti operis auctor esset, relicturum 20 potius et integrum Cantabrigiam missurum esse, quam Benedictino nomini tantam inferret injuriam.

Nec sibi deerant Editores, sed ita tamen suas partes defendebant, ut, sive te offendendi metu, sive tibi gratificandi desiderio, inanem suum esse timorem 25 eumque sibi excuti cupere viderentur. Quod cum animadvertissent Præpositi, id demum censuerunt: rogaremus per Epistolam, quid tibi consilii esset. Nam si de edenda Italica cogitares, te, æquum et omni urbanitate perpolitum hominem, permissurum 30 esse sine dubio, a nobis absolvi opus quod jamdiu inceptum gestit ad prælum deferri: si variantes lectiones adjungere tuæ Editioni velles, te non ægre la-

turum, nostra nobis primum usui esse, nec postulaturum, ut aliunde mutuemur, quæ nobis opus et penes nos sunt: præsertim cum perpauca Anglicanarum Editionum exempla in nostras Gallias perveniant, nec id sine magnis sumtibus. Quod si neutrum in animo haberes, per se licere, ut MSS. Codices, quot nobis Novi Testamenti sunt, tradantur D. Wal- kero legendi, conferendi, exscribendi etiam, si velit.

Fac nos, obsecro te, certiores quid velis. Ipse ex- plica quod tuum sit consilium, et pro certo habeas, nos quæ te velle, quæque ad te pertinere arbitrabi- mur, omnia studiose diligenterque curaturos. Vale, et ut mereris de re litteraria, sic felix sis.

D. Bern. Montfauconius et D. Car. Ruæus hæc eadem pro te mecum vota faciunt, et se tibi addictis- simos semper fore profitentur.

CCXII.

*Vincentio Thuillero, Monacho Benedictino,
Ricardus Bentleius.*

[*Prior Epistolæ Pars desideratur*].

IN his ego omnibus *Italicam*, si forte reperi- rem, aliquando investigavi, Millii nostri, et aliorum opinione commotus; sed diuturna examinatione id solum consecutus sum, ut de invenienda illa, quam castigandam sibi recepit Hieronymus, versione jam- pridem desperem. Nec tamen ideo hoc dico, ut so- dales vestros ab instituto opere gnaviter perficiendo dehortari velim; quin ipse, ut maturent propositum,

calcar eis, si possem, addere vellem; paratus eis et consilio, et re, et opera opitulari. Neque enim aut oberit vestra meæ, aut vestræ mea editio; immo altera alteri et lucem et dignitatem impertiet. * * * *

[*Cætera desunt*].

CCXIII.

Richard Bentley to John Walker.

TRIN. COLL., Sept. 13, 1719. 5

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE received the 2 books, with your letters to me, and the others are conveyed to those they are directed to. I am mightily obliged to you for the great exactness of your collations: 'tis care 10 that makes all in all. I was in doubt of about 100 places in Suetonius, which my MSS. exhibited different from Salmasius's Variations, and now yours make almost all tally and agree. However, there are a few places still remain, which I suspect may 15 have been overlooked by you, and I desire you to confer anew. You may easily do it by the help of any edition, the chapters being here numbered. All my MS^{ts} (and, I believe, all in Europe) seem to have been transcribed out of the individual book at Paris: 20 I have but one scruple; that 2 or 3 places are omitted there that are extant in mine: as that,

Ecce Cæsar nunc triumphat qui subegit Gallias.

Pray look sharp, and see if that and the few others are not extant in the margin, at top or bottom of 25 the page.

In like manner, my MSS. of the Tusculans, and all others, have been transcripts, mediately or immediately, from the Paris copy. I have entered your Lections into my Copy, and so have lent Dr. Davies
 5 yours. I shall fit the text, and add to my notes, and he (he says) make quite new ones. He had given abundance of stabs to Tully in his old ones, which now he must expiate.

I observe, you mark in the Tusculans all the words
 10 I have touched on in my notes; and yet my notes are not bound in the copy you sent me; nor could you so exactly remember them all. I fear you exscribed your collations into another copy, and so sent me it. If so, pray do so no more, nor lose time at
 15 Paris for the work; for at your return you shall have copies (if desired) of anything you do for me.

I have not begun my text of Suetonius, and it's well I had not, for I distrusted my copies out of fear of Salmasius, where he omitted: but now I am easy
 20 and bold, when I find all agree. The Tusculans will go to the press presently. Pray let me know whether the 2 books are written plene like the old Gospels, or with abbreviations, like the Suetonius of Cotton House that you have used. I am glad you
 25 have collated 2 copies of the Latin Testament. 'Tis easy for you at Paris to get a page of each book you collate copied exactly, so as a copper plate may be made from it: Mr. Montfalcon will tell you the way, and find you a person to do it, whom you'll pay at
 30 my charge.

It's comical that the Benedictine Fathers will not believe you, but fancy my scheme is the same with theirs, when it's just the reverse. They are seek-

ing the old Italic Version, and I their Vulgate, and by it the Greek of Origen. I am too old to engage in so extensive a work as theirs: so they need not be jealous of me. If both works see the light, they'll illustrate each other, but not depreciate. If they'll be 5 communicative, I can recompense it to them, et opera et consilio.

Robert Stephens set out a Latin Bible, Folio, Paris, 1546. In the New Testament he used several MSS. out of St. German's Library; One he marks 10 *Germ. Latum*, a square book, which, by the Lections, I guess to be the very best in Paris. This by all means collate most exactly. For others I leave you to your own knowledge of the age of MSS., especially by trying them in a few places of niceness. 15 You know, in St. Paul's Epistles, and more in the Catholicae and Apocalypse, we are poor here in old Exemplars. Those you'll collate wherever you find *ae*.

For diversion, whatever you find of ultimæ vetustatis, the Martial of Thuanus, the old copy 800^u of Q. 20 Curtius, &c., pray collate with your usual exactness.

Dr. Balderson died a fortnight ago, and they have chosen for his successor, yesterday, old Dr. Thorp, of Canterbury: 'tis not yet known if he'll take it.

When the King returns, I hope with honour and 25 peace, we are assured Gooch will be called to account. In the mean time, all things are quiet here. I cannot recollect where I read of the Mst Homer, unless in Mr. Montfalcon's Bibliotheca Coisliniana: but sure I could not dream it. If Baluze's MSS. 30 are true Capitals, *sine accentibus*, such as you have seen here, in the Alexand. Beza, Oxon. Act. Apost., pray collate them through: But I have seen Great Letters, especially in Church Codices, with accents,

and no great antiquity. My service to all your friends there. I shall send you by my next a few queries in the Tusculans. You will please to write upon each of these places, either in this paper or a
 5 copy, how the Mst reads.

I am, Sir,

Your affectionate friend and Servant,

RI. BENTLEY.

Yesterday Mr. Barnwell was chose College Preach-
 10 er, ringente Dre. Colebatch.

*A' Monsieur Monsieur JEAN WALKER,
 au CAFFÉ GREGOIRE,
 dans la Rue de Comédie,
 à PARIS.*

[To the preceding letter Bentley has subjoined, on the third page of the same sheet, the following passages of Suetonius, to be collated by Walker with the Paris MSS., the readings of which in each passage are noted in the margins or between the lines of the same page in Walker's handwriting, as follows,]

15 CÆS.

Cap. 5. *Tribunatu militum (Bentleii chirographo).—*

Ita MS. (Ascripsit Walkerus, cujus item chirographo sunt omnia ejusdem modi de codicum lectionibus, ceteris quæ sequuntur locis subjecta).

20 8 *agitantes adiit.*—Ita MS. et B.

39 *Tyriæ et Ægyptiæ classis.*—Sic A. classes B. *triæ* vel *tyiæ* et Ægyptiæ classis. MS.

41 *aut sententia judicium.*—Sic A. *senentia* judicium, MS.

25 49 *Ecce Cæsar nunc triumphat.*—Sic A. *Ecce Cæsar* &c., is not in the margin, top or bottom of the page, and no mark of anything wanting.

u MS.

- 55 Genus eloquentiæ *adolescens* adhuc.—Sic MS.
 56 De Commentariis *Cæsaris* Cicero.—Sic MS. et B.
 68 Sed et *si* ipsi alios obsiderent.—Sic MS. et A.
 75 *tum* in admin., *tum* in victoria.—Sic A. 5

It seems to have been

*It is hard to distinguish whether it was a c at first,
 but if it was, the same hand has made it a t.*

- 76 *Rufini* liberti sui filio.—Sic MS.
 79 Sive ut *ferebat* ereptam sibi.—Sic MS. et B. 10
 82 *Cæsar Cassii* brachium arreptum.—Sic MS.

AUGUST.

- 7 ferreis *ac* pene jam exolescentibus—*et* pæne, MS.
 et A. et B.
 9 quo distinctius demonstrari — — *possint*.—Sic 15
 MS. et A.
 14 quæ oppido *eruperant*; quæ oppido *eruperat*.—MS.
 ut et Edit. et B.
 19 rapere ad *exercitus*.—Sic MS.
 21 gentes *inalpinas*—gentes *in alpinas*, MS. 20
 22 terra marique pace parta *ter* clusit.—Sic MS.
 24 pro cetero *delictorum* genere.—Sic MS. et B.
 25 minus *in* perfecto *duci* — — convenire.—Sic MS.
 26 Kal. Januar. Kt. Jañ.—MS. et A. et B.
 28 Urbem *neque* pro majestate.—Sic MS. et B. 25
 31 proximum a *dis* immortalibus.—ad [*Litera d obelo*
confossa] *dis*. Sic MS.
 40 a libertate *et multo pluribus a libertate* justa.—Sic
 MS. et B.
 42 Atque ita post *hanc* rem temperavit.—Sic MS. 30
 et B.
 93 apud Hierosolymam—hierosolimam, MS. et A.
 et B.
 94 infuso super *altaria* mero.—Sic MS. et A. et B.

TIBER.

1—6 fere anno *a patribus* in patricias— sexto fere anno *atq.* in patricias. MS.

CALIG.

- 5 8 Kal. Iuni.—Kl. iun. MS. et B.
 25 nec ullo firmiore *indicio*.—Sic A., delet *indicio*, MS.
 34 *omnis ævi hominum* genus.—Sic MS.
 35 *Colosseros* dictus.—Sic MS.
 48 inhiberi *nullo potuit* modo—inhiberi *nullo modo*
 10 *potuit*. MS. et A. et B.
 54 *deinde* repente magno.—Sic MS.
 57 *Idibus Martiis* de cœlo.—*Id. Mar.* de cœlo. MS.
 et A. et B.

CLAUD.

- 15 15 *levi contentione*.—Sic MS.
 21 *communior*.—Sic MS. et A. et B.
 45 *Ætatis imperii* XIV. (an deest?).—Plane deest
 in MS.

NERO.

- 20 6 *futuræ infelicitatis*.—Sic MS. et A. et B.
 10 *damnati, ut* ex more subscriberet.—Sic MS. et B.
 et A.
 34 *verberibus Furiarum*—*verberibusque* Furiarum.
 MS. et A. et B.
 25 Ibid. voce præconis *submoverentur*.
 40 *amissis naufragio pretiosissimis* rebus.

VITELL.

14 *cujuscumque et quacumque* de causa.

VESP.

- 30 6 *Kalend. Iulii*.—Kl. iul. MS. et A. et B.
 7 *vix ingredi, longeque*.—Sic MS. et A. et B.
 15 *illacrimavit etiam* et ingemuit.—Sic MS. et B.
 16 *coemendo quædam* tantum.—Sic MS. et B.
 23 *ad calcandas mulas desiluisse*.—Sic MS.

TITUS.

9 *verum* quandoque et ab alio.—Sic MS. et B.

DOMIT.

et MS. et B.

4 *ecquid* sciret *cur* sibi visum.—Sic MS. et B. 5

13 *Germanici* cognomine assumpto.—B.

18 *Eadem me tamen* manent.—Sic MS. et A.

[On the page containing the direction Walker has written]—

“ The two oldest Suetonius, Num. 5279 and 4940.”

CCXIV.

CLARISSIMO ET ERUDITISSIMO VIRO 10

RICHARDO BENTLEIO

FR. PETRUS SABATIER ET SIMON MOPINOT

MONACHI S. GERMANI A PRATIS.

S. P. D.

SCRIPTAS a te nuper Thuillerio nostro litteras, 15
vir clarissime, et ab ipso nobiscum amice communi-
catas, non sine voluptate perlegimus, in hisque non
tam elegantiam verborum, eruditionemve haud vul-
garem sumus admirati quam summam erga nos bene-
volentiam humanitatemque singularem. Enimvero 20
non modo consilium tuum de edendo typis castiga-
tioribus Novo Testamento ingeniose aperis; verum
etiam metum omnem de te timidius forsitan a nobis
captum blande abstergis, necnon ad maturandum
propositum de Italica veteri publicanda, animos fa- 25
cis; paratus, inquis, non tantum consilio, sed re, et
opera nobis opitulari; ad hæc quid grati respon-
deamus, frustra tentaverimus, nisi prius eripuerit no-

bis hanc, qua pungimur, molestiam, scilicet nos male de te meritos fuisse, quod nuper paucos qui præ manibus erant codices MSS^{tos}, expetitos a te, doctissimo juveni Valkero denegaverimus.

5 Tu si nos audire velis, vir humanissime, fatebimur ingenue statim nos, nos, inquam, Italicæ versionis arduum opus jamdudum meditados, immo improbo labore pene confectos, aliquid ingrati suspicatos fuisse de viro apud nos peregrino, cui, ut dicebatur, deman-
 10 data provincia ut insigniores bibliothecas perlustraret, indeque vetustissimos Novi Testamenti codices erueret describeretque; fatebimur, inquam, parce precor, quo ardentiori, sollicitoque magis studio in rem ferri eum videbamus, eo magis auctas fuisse suspiciones,
 15 metusque invaluisse; at ubi tuammet ipse mentem candide aperuisti, vir doctissime, immo nullum erga nos benevolentiae ac fidei pignus omisisti; ingrati merito, ne dicam improbi, videremur, si ne litterario quidem officio tantum in nos studium tuum studere-
 20 mus compensare.

Itaque tuum erit jam indicare nobis aut doctissimo Valkero quid facere debeamus, ipsos dimittere codices non tantum parati commodareque; sed ipsosmet accurate collatos cum editis ad te transmittere;
 25 quin, præter codices nostros Germanenses, plurimæ aliæ nobis sunt vetustissimorum codicum, Ardega-
 nensium, Turonensium &c., variæ lectiones utriusque Testamenti, quas si commodis tuis inservire posse judicaveris, cedere non gravabimus; uno verbo quid
 30 expetiveris mone, quandoquidem nos nec defugimus, nec defugiemus unquam quidquid tu voles laboris: jam qua ingenuitate et libertate aperuisti nobis tuum de novo edendo Testamento propositum, quod

quidem satis laudare non possumus; modo Vulgatæ nostræ sua relinquatur auctoritas nihil detrahatur pretii, eadem et nos de nostro paucula dicemus.

In votis hactenus fuisse eruditis omnibus probe nosti, vir clarissime, ut si quid usquam lateret antiquæ Versionis Italicæ, id publici juris fieret; id vero a nullis sperari rectius posse autumabant, quam a nobis, apud quos fere solos, asservatos multis sæculis noverant utriusque Testamenti codices: arduum opus olim a Martinæo nostro non infæliciter tentatum, 10 mancum adeo et imperfectum deseri, nostris, sacrorum monumentorum cupidis, fuit religioni, maxime cum in bibliotheca nostra plures hujusce Versionis, nec contemnendas partes delitere certo scirent.

Hæc oblata nobis provincia, præclara quidem, sed 15 dura; attamen a nobis capta: mox adivimus bibliothecas; in excutienda nostra annus integer consumptus, in perlustranda Regia plurimi menses, Colbertinæ aditus nobis apertus; in his omnibus indagavimus, pervoluimus, eruimus, impigri descripsimus; alias 20 similiter bibliothecas non tantum Parisienses, sed Gallicanas, Italicas, Hispanicas, &c., adire animus est, quantum licuerit nobis, saltem per amicos; sed nec etiam hactenus spem mentita segēs; enimvero præter fragmenta plura, libros etiam non paucos, eos- 25 que integros recuperavimus, qui omnes, nisi quid nos fallit, Versionem Italicam sapiunt; vide ergo quantum pupugerit nos quod scripsisti, clariss. domine, te scilicet aliquando investigasse, nempe Millii et aliorum opinione commotum; sed diuturna examinatione, 30 id solum te consecutum, ut de invenienda illa versione jam pridem desperares. At plura hujus versionis et quidem non exigua fragmenta in veterum Patrum

libris reperiuntur, eaque passim disseminata, a nobis
 assiduo labore excerpuntur; quid si illa cum tuis aut
 nostris codicibus sedulo comparata, apte cum ipsis
 convenire deprehendantur? Quid restabit, inquam,
 5 nisi ut concludas, ipsammet Italicam versionem ab
 antiquioribus Patribus usurpatam fuisse, eamque Co-
 dices nostros fæliciter continere? si ad hanc normam
 exegisses, vir doctissime, MSS^{tum} utrumque Codicem
 Paulinarum epistolarum tum Regium tum nostrum,
 10 clementius forsán de utroque pronuntiavisses.

Jam vero quis ex utroque codice Regio vel nostro
 archetypus censendus sit, parum curamus, si quidem
 in paucis hisque levibus utrumque differre novimus,
 nec unum ex alio descriptum fuisse ultro tecum fateri
 15 gravabimur. Atque hæc hactenus. At unum super-
 est, vir doctissime, oremus scilicet te, ut ad litteras
 respondeas; optamus enim non parum de labore no-
 stro, quantulocumque, iterum tuum audire judicium,
 si quidem te novimus, ut in cæteris, ita in his maxime
 20 studiis, acutum et sagacem; neque enim nos sumus
 qui in re tam ardua et periculosa, vel minimum quid,
 inconsultis viris doctis ac peritis, facere audeamus;
 res certe consilii est et quidem plurimi. Cuperemus
 igitur, ac vide quam simus improbi, cuperemus, in-
 25 quam, epistolam ad nos bene longam eo argumento
 scriberes, ut, non dico laudares, sed dirigeres proposi-
 tum nostrum, immo re et opera adjuvares. Non est
 certe cur tam insigne voluntatis erga nos tuæ testi-
 monium sperare debeamus; sed tu ipse nos fecisti
 30 audaces, tu te ipsum in litteris tuis, ut ita dicam,
 prodidisti, paratum te, inquiebas, et consilio, et re, et
 opera opitulari nobis.

Aliam præter nostram addis te Paulinarum Episto-

larum, binasque Actorum Versiones, Hieronymiana castigatione antiquiores, præ manibus tenere, præter famosam illam Evangeliorum Versionem olim Bezæ nunc Cantabrigiensem; hæc, inquis, sunt apud te; addimus nos, pretiosa valde et rara monumenta, quorum omnium si exempla ad nos transmittere non gravare-
ris, uti saltem nos odorari permittis, quanta supellex operi nostro accresceret, quam rarum tibi grati animi et nobis benevolentiae tuæ monimentum! At nobis jamjam improbis beneficium tantum vix sperare licet; 10
sed quid non sperandum a viro summo de litteris bene merito, liberali?

Expectabimus igitur bono animo, et si res succedet ut volumus, gaudebimus. Verum quo liberaliorem te a natura novimus, eo nos majore studio cavere decet, 15
ne majorem commodi nostri quam tui rationem habuisse videamur; itaque tuum erit indicare nobis qua opera, qua re beneficiorum tuorum memores gratosque nos præbere valeamus. Vale, vir doctissime, et salve, certoque tibi persuade te a nobis et observari 20
et coli.

Parisiis, X. Kalend. Novembr. MDCCXIX.

Pene exciderat id quod imprimis tibi significatum oportuit, quidquid scilicet exscribendis codicum tuorum lectionibus impensæ feceris, id nos tibi ut par 25
est repensuros.

CCXV.

John Walker to Richard Bentley.

PARIS, Dec. 29, 1719.

HONOURED SIR,

THE Letter which you find on the other side the leaf I received two days ago from F. Montfaucon, who desired me to transmit it to you, with the enclosed papers, and to write to you at the same time; Father Le Brun desires to have the two MSS. that are mentioned in the one Paper transcribed, and will pay whatsoever you lay out for it; for the MSS. in the other Paper, he desires to have some Account of their Age, Goodness, or the Places they belonged to.

I read that part of your Letter to the Benedictines, which relates to the MSS. they had desired of you; They expressed their gratitude in the heartiest manner for the Service you have done them, and were very glad to hear that the Transcripts were in so great forwardness; I do not know what it may be that they have promised you in their Letter, but I believe that they would do anything with pleasure that you desired of them; and, if you please to order me, I will put them upon collating some of their MSS., while I am at work upon those of other Libraries.

They desire you would send the Transcripts to Mr. Vaillant, Bookseller, at London, to be sent by him to Monsieur Nyon, Bookseller, here at Paris. I have received this morning thirty pound, and have drawn a Bill upon Mr. Casley for so much; The

Rent of my Lodgings is raised upon me this morning, and the price of everything is raised a third part since I came hither, by that infinite Number of Strangers that continue yet to flock hither every day.

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I desire that you would send me your Directions about the Greek MSS., as soon as you can, that I may have the whole Scheme of what you would have done here before me, and be better able to execute it. The short days, excessive cold, and holy- 10 days, have made the work of collating go very slowly on for some time, but I procured a Letter last night from my Lord Stair to Monsieur L'Abbé Bignon, to desire him to let me have the MSS. of the King's Library, that I have occasion to make use of, to my 15 own Lodging: If I get that Liberty, I shall soon be able to give a better Account of my time.

Two days after I received yours, I found an Opportunity of sending Martianay's Book by a Courier of my Lord Stair's; I directed it to Mr. Casley, 20 and I hope you will receive it as soon as this Letter. Mr. Bowes, who is a Secretary in Mr. Cragg's Office at Whitehall, has made me an offer to send me over whatever Pacquets or Letters I should have occasion for from England, without any charge to me; I 25 desire, when you write a single Letter, you would send it to him to be sent over by the first Post, and if you have occasion to send any Pacquet, to be sent over by the first Courier. I hope in a short time to receive a Letter for L'Abbé Bignon.

30

Fa. Montfaucon, La Rüe, Thuillier, Sabatier and the rest of the Benedictines desire me to present their services very particularly to you. I desire you

will present mine to all your Family, and Dr. Whitfield, whom I thank for his Letter to me. The hopes you give me about Trinity College, will make me long to see it, and to show myself at all times,

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Honoured Sir,

Your most dutiful and obedient Servant,

J. WALKER.

Pour l'Angleterre.

To the Rev^d DR. BENTLEY,

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Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,

in CAMBRIDGE,

by LONDON.

CCXVI.

INSIGNISSIMO ERUDITISSIMOQUE VIRO

RICARDO BENTLEIO BERNARDUS MONTEFALCONIUS

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S. P. D.

INGENTES tibi gratias habemus, Vir Clarissime, ob navatam strenue liberaliterque operam rebus, ad sodales nostros Sabbaterium, et Maupinotium pertinentibus. Mihi quidem jam compertum erat, te
20 inter procures rei literariæ celeberrimum, in hoc semper paratum esse, ut omnibus idem promovendæ incumbentibus opem feras: quod experimentis quotidianis confirmatur.

Etiam hodie ad te supplex accedo in gratiam Viri
25 docti B. Le Brun ex Sodalitio Oratoriano, qui Rerum Liturgicarum Opus aggreditur, et undique corradit omnia, quæ ad hoc argumentum spectant. Is tuo fretus subsidio sperat ea se nacturum, quæ in Anglicis Bibliothecis habentur, quorum Catalogum mittet
30 Vir Doctissimus et amabilissimus Walkerus noster.

Si quæ autem sint adhibendæ in exscribendo ope-

ræ, iis statam pecuniam numeraturum se et in Angliam missurum pollicetur: id quod tibi pluribus narrabit supra memoratus Walkerus noster. Tu interim, vir celeberrime, vale, meique memineris. Dabam Lutetiæ Septimo Kalendas Januarias, 1719. 5

CCXVII.

John Walker to Richard Bentley.

PARIS, Feb. 20th, 1720.

HONOURED SIR,

I HAVE received of the Benedictines those Collations, which, I suppose, they promised you in their Letter; They contain the Various Readings of 10 3 MSS. upon the Gospels, and of one MS. of St. Paul's Epistles. One of them upon the Gospels is a very good one.

I shall finish to-morrow the Collation of the *Germ. Latum*, and I have endeavoured to do it carefully; I 15 find it to be the best of those I have met with, though it differs very often, especially in the Gospels, from all the others; There is not a tenth part of its Varieties marked in Rob. Stephens' Edition; I do not collate the Gospel of St. Matthew, because it is 20 in F. Martianay's Book, which I hope you have received. If you would have that done too, I desire you would let me know.

I went three days ago with Father Montfaucon to St. Denys, where he gave me the Liberty of looking 25

over his Large Catalogue of MSS.; It contains a Catalogue of most of the Libraries in Italy, and of the Benedictine Abbaies in France; I find in it almost an Infinity of Latin MSS. of the New Testament, but it generally gives no account of what age they are. I enquired there for the two MSS. which Rob. Stephens made use of there, which, they tell me, have been either lost or taken from them in the Civil Wars of France, which have happened since
 10 his time; I have collated 8 or 9 old MSS. of the Catholicæ and Apocalypse, 7 of St. Paul's Epistles, and have as many upon the Gospels; there are, I think, three old MSS. which contain the Catholicæ and Apocalypse, in the Library of Colbert and the
 15 Premier President de Mesmes, which I have not yet collated.

I desire to know whether I shall continue to collate any more Latin ones, and that you would please to give me your Directions with relation to them,
 20 and what ever else you would have me do at Paris; but particularly the marks and numbers of those Greek MSS. which Mr. Wetstein has already collated.

I got a Letter from my Lord Stair to Monsieur
 25 L'Abbé Bignon, but could not have leave to take any MS. to my own Lodgings out of the King's Library; and I should have been obliged to have left off for some time, by a great cold which I got there, if the Benedictine Fathers had not offered me
 30 a Chamber with a fire, to study in, in their Abbaye. Father La Rüe presents his Services to you, and desires very much some Account of his Affair with Mr. Humphreys. I beg you would let me know,

whether you have occasion for me longer than one Year out of England, and whether in any other place besides Paris. Paris has been so dear all this winter that there is no living in it but for those People who have dealt in the Actions of Misisippi; ⁵ I pay near half more for every thing, than I did when I came first here; I desire you would give Orders to Mr. Casley to receive my Bill when I draw upon him from hence for twenty or thirty pounds according to the stay that I shall make here. ¹⁰ Mr. Law has bought the Library of Monsieur L'Abbé Bignon, which consists of more than 40,000 Volumes; He gives for it 180,000 Livres. The Benedictine Fathers present their services to you, and wish you success in all your Affairs: which no body does ¹⁵ more heartily than,

Honoured Sir,

Your dutiful humble Servant,

J. WALKER.

Au Caffé de Gregoire, Rue de Comedie Francoise. ²⁰

Pour l'Angleterre.

To the Rev^d DR. BENTLEY,

at COTTON HOUSE,

in WESTMINSTER.

CCXVIII.

*Petro Sabatiero et Simoni Mopinoto,
Monachis Benedictinis, Richardus Bentleius.*

[*Prior Epistolæ Pars desideratur*].

IN diuturno jam errore de commentitia illa
Italica versati sunt Viri eruditi, quæ tantum abest ut
Veterum Patrum totiusque Latinæ Ecclesiæ publi-
cum authenticumque exemplum fuerit, ut nulla fuerit
5 omnino nec re nec nomine. * * * *

Age vero videamus si quibus argumentis probare
vobis possimus tam novam rem et *παράδοξον*. Unde
igitur notitia et nomen istius *Italicæ* processit primo,
et inter Eruditos inolevit? Et parate, quæso, aures
10 animosque; jam enim rem ipsam causæque caput
aggrediar. Nimirum ex unico S. Augustini dicto in
libello jam citato ubi “ plurimum ” inquit “ juvat In-
terpretum numerositas, collatis Codicibus, inspecta at-
que discussa In ipsis autem Interpretationibus
15 *ITALA* cæteris præferatur: ” [“ nam est verborum te-
naciosior cum perspicuitate sententiæ. ”]

Ita editiones Augustini exhibent universæ—“ *ITALA*
cæteris præferatur: ” et huic soli loco, huic unico
Vocabulo tanta res innititur. Vestram fidem! quam
20 infirmo tibicine fulta! Quid enim si dixero Codices
hic mendosos esse? Quid si non dixero tantum, sed
ex argumentis prorsus evicero?

Et principio quidem, quis illud satis emiretur nus-
quam alibi in tot spissis Voluminibus Sanctissimum
25 Patrem hanc *Italiam* vel mentione dignatum esse?

Illud quoque mecum perpendite: “*Itala*” inquit Augustinus “cæteris præferatur:” subauditur utique *versio, translatio, interpretatio*. Atqui “*Itala versio*” plane poëtica est dictio, nec in soluta oratione locum habet. “*Itala regna,*” “*Italæ vires,*” “*Itala virtus,*” 5 Poëtarum sunt, qui nomina gentilia pro possessivis ponere amant. Sed si hoc in animo habuisset Augustinus, non “*Itala,*” sed “*Italica*” dixisset; et sic locuti sunt omnes vel a Ciceronis ætate, qui soluto sermone loquebantur. Mendosus ergo locus est, nec 10 Augustinus hic posuit “*Itala.*”

[Fac autem ita scribere potuisse;] Nonne cum prioribus pugnat? Primo jubet Augustinus *plures* Interpretationes inquirere: numerositatem illarum plurimum juvare; mox vero edicit, ut “*Itala*” Inter- 15 pretatio cæteris præferatur. Hoccine ut tam absurdum dederit magnus Augustinus? Si enim “*Itala*” ista cæteris præferenda erat, frustra utique et inepte præciperet, ut cæteræ illæ conquirerentur.

[Jam vero pugnante secum Augustinum induci 20 arbitror, quippe qui, postquam scripserit *Italā* cæteris Interpretationibus esse præferendam, addat, “Latinis quibuslibet Codicibus emendandis Græcos esse adhibendos et, si quid in Latinis varietatibus titubat Græcis cedere oportere.”] Si enim, ut docet 25 Augustinus, *Itala* illa et verborum tenax est et perspicuitatem sententiæ servat, quid amplius in Interprete desiderandum? Cur hujus loci oblitus Augustinus “Latinos quoslibet emendandos esse” jubet? Quis vero “in Latinis varietatibus titubare” possit, 30 qui unam illam Latinam sive *Italā* habeat nec a verbis nec a sententia aberrantem? Hæc, opinor, ἀσύντατα sunt et Augustino indigna.

[Hæc sunt momenta quibus evicisse mihi videor, convellendam ex Augustini textu esse vocem ITALA, eaque dectracta alteram meliorem et germanam esse admittendam.] In promptu [autem] est altera, ea-
 5 que melior et genuina; nullo negotio sponte sua mihi succurrit. Lego itaque "In ipsis autem Interpretationibus ILLA cæteris præferatur, *quæ* est verborum tenacior cum perspicuitate sententiæ." Videte, quam exigui jactu pulveris quantæ turbæ quanta cer-
 10 tamina consilescent! [Vos autem obsecro] ut MSS. hujus libelli Codices quotquot ubique extant consulendos curetis

Vos vero, utcunque de his judicatis, inceptum opus strenue exequimini, nihil enim de vestræ editionis utilitate pretioque decedet, sive unius ITALÆ sive variarum Interpretationum *Λείψανα* protulisse videatur.

CCXIX.

John Walker to Richard Bentley.

PARIS, March 22, 1720.

HONOURED SIR,

I DID not receive yours, which is dated the
 20 9th of February, till a few days ago, and I hope you had received one of mine, dated the 20th of the same month much sooner. I received at the same time the Oxford Acts, the Letter to the Benedictines, and the Papers for Father Le Brun.

25 I am extremely obliged to you for the pleasure of reading so learned, so complete a Letter upon so

curious a Subject before I delivered it to them; I believe it will wrest from them their *Itala Versio*, though they still contend for a *Vulgate* before St. Jerome. They present their services by me, and only wait the receiving of the Transcript of Beza's 5 Copy, to return you their thanks for so particular favours.

I have met lately by chance with an Account of the old MS. of Quintus Curtius, which you mentioned to me in one of your former Letters; It is 10 in the Colbertin Library, but I have not yet seen it; I desire to know whether you would have it collated.

If there be any Passages in the Tusculans which you would have examined a second time, I desire 15 you would send me them as soon as you can. I have wrote to Dr. Needham by this Post, to acquaint him that I shall return to England in the Summer, and, if he desires it, will make my way by Leyden to examine the MSS. of Æschylus; if not, I will return 20 straight to London. I will endeavour to leave Paris in the End of May, or Beginning of June.

I have not yet got any Specimens engraved of the MSS. which I have collated, and should be very glad to receive more particularly your Directions about it 25 before I do; whether you desire a Specimen of all that I have collated, whether of any particular passage, and how much; I have spoke to one of the best gravers in Paris, who has promised to do it.

I begun some days ago to look into the Greek 30 MSS., and have been uneasy lest I should collate some of the same that Mr. Wetstein has already done for you; I desire you will send me the numbers

of his MSS. that I may not lose my time upon the same.

The King's Library has the most MSS. of the New Testament, but that of Coislin has the most Ancient and Valuable; There are in the King's 26 or 27 different Copies of the Gospels, 11 of the Acts, 14 of St. Paul's Epistles, 11 of the Epist. Cathol. and 4 of the Revelations; but a good many of them are modern and recent. I drew a Bill for twenty pound upon Mr. Casley about a fortnight ago, which I received here. As soon as there is any thing more done for Father Le Brun, I desire you would send it in a cover to Mr. Bowes. The Duchess of Bourbon died here last night. I beg that you would present my services to all your Family, and to my friends in Trinity College.

I am, Honoured Sir,

Your most dutiful humble Servant,

J. WALKER.

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Pour L'ANGLETERRE.

To the Rev^d DR. BENTLEY,
Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

CCXX.

CLARISSIMO VIRO D. D. RICHARDO BENTLEIO
FR. CAROLUS RUÆUS S. P. D.

Quo in statu meus sit Origenes, quanti faciam
doctas tuas libri *περὶ εὐχῆς* emendationes, quantum-
que hoc nomine me tibi debere profitear, narrabit 5
tibi Walkerus noster. Nostrum eum dico, qui pri-
mum nobis ob tuam commendationem carus, postmo-
dum ob exploratam morum ipsius suavitatem carissi-
mus fuit. Id unum incertum an plus in eo miremur
eximiam supra ætatem Græcarum literarum peritiam 10
ac maturum iudicium, quam summam modestiam.

Eum ceu filium diligit Montefalconius noster quo
promovente omnes quibus opus habuit, MSS. Codices
e bibliotheca præsertim Colbertina obtinuit in mona-
sterio hoc nostro conferendos. Testes fuimus quanta 15
eos cura et quam indefesso labore versaverit toto hoc
anno et ipso hiemis acerbæ tempore, cujus frigus ne
teneræ ejus valetudini noceret, cubiculum ubi ignis
erat et lignum, libentissimo animo, ut par erat, ei
præbuimus. Sed quorsum hæc omnia? ut scias, Vir 20
Amplissime, plurimum apud nos valere tuam com-
mendationem, nihilque nobis optatius esse quam ut
quomodocumque gratum nostrum erga te animum
testificemur. Vale.

Lutetiæ Parisiorum, Die XI^a Julii, ann. 1720.

CCXXI.

La Crozio Bentleius.

NESCIO, vir eruditissime, an ad aures tuas forte pervenerit, me novæ Novi Testamenti editioni operam dare, et ea causa pleraque per Europam, quæ mille annos habeant, tam Græca, quam Latina exemplaria consuluisset. Cum autem in illis non postremum locum occupet codex Evangelii Sti. Johannis Græcus in Bibliotheca Beroliniensi; de quo vir doctissimus D. Jablonskius mentionem facit, in sua ad Hebraica Biblia præfatione; hujus variantes lectiones, si in
 5
 10 marginem alicujus libri editi transcribi curaveris, mihi que per legatum regium, vel alium quemvis mitti, magnâ me voluptate affeceris, et grata mente ad posterios transmittenda.

Velim autem ut hunc ad modum fiat collatio:
 15 Johan. XVII. 16.

σιν Ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου οὐκ εἰσὶ καθὼς ἐγὼ ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου
 1 2 3 4 5 1 2
 del. οὐκ εἰμί. Ἀγίασον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ (σου).
 σιν ὁ λόγος ὁ σὸς ἀλήθειά ἐστι.

Ubi codicis Alexandrini variationes habes, sic a
 20 me in libri margine descriptas, ut et ordo verborum, et singula, quæ vel deficiunt vel superant vel variant, nullo labore oculis obversentur. Ceterum si hoc negotii in te susceperis, ita (sat scio) diligenter in eo versaberis, ut (quod in præfatione fieri necessum erit)
 25 auctorem te ejus collationis esse literato orbi prædicare possim. Londini, 4 Jul. st. vet. 1721.

CCXXII.

VIRO AMPLISSIMO ET PLURIMUM
 REVERENDO RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D.
 MATURINUS VEYSSIÈRE LA CROZE.

QUAMVIS tenues in re litteraria partes agam, fama editionis Novi Testamenti quam moliris mihi late-⁵ tere non potuit. Certe, Vir Amplissime, statim atque consilium tuum mihi innotuit, intellexi te eam viam inire quæ in primis conducere ad expurgandum ab omnibus vitiis inferioris ævi sacrorum Novi Foederis librorum contextum. Ea igitur in re æquum esset ut¹⁰ qualemcunque operam meam conferrem, si quidem id in mea potestate positum esset. At codex ille Seidelianus, cujus Doctissimus Jablonskius noster meminit, nunquam fuit in Bibliotheca Regia, nec modo, dissipatis illius Bibliothecæ Seidelianæ libris, Bero-¹⁵ lini præsto esse potest. Curabo tamen ne quam propterea desiderii tui frustrationem patiaris. Transierunt enim pulcherrima illa fragmenta IV. Evangeliorum, quorum unum S. Johannis integrum servatum est, in Bibliothecam amici mei Johannis Christophori²⁰ Wolfii Ecclesiastæ Hamburgensis Viri doctissimi, sincerique, quod mihi compertum est, virtutum tuarum admiratoris. Ad eum propediem epistolam tuam perferri curabo, certoque scio eum vel per se, vel per fratrem suum, virum bonarum litterarum peritum, id²⁵ accurate effecturum quod in litteris ad me datis indicasti.

Erant in Bibliotheca Seideliana alii novi Testa-

menti Codices Græci, quorum nonnullos rogatus a Cl. Doctore Hopart vestrate, emi et in Angliam misi ut Bibliothecam ornarent D. Alexandri Coke nobilis et locupletis viri qui hac ex Italia redux ante quatuor
 5 vel quinque annos transiit.

Vellem vero, Vir Amplissime, Armenicæ Versionis rationem aliquam in editione tua curanda haberes. Eam ego Versionem ceteris omnibus antiquis antepono; cujus ex Manuscripto Codice IV. Evangeliorum,
 10 quem ex alio Bibliothecæ Regiæ in usus meos descripsi, collationem quandam cum Græco contextu institueram, quam aliæ occupationes abruperunt. Si quid tamen erit quod collatum voles, id libens perficere conabor, modo ne nimis urgear: nulla enim est
 15 otii copia. Quod vero ἀντιδῶρον mentionem iniecisti, id mihi supervacuum, ne dicam molestum, visum est. Non ἀντίδωρον sed ἀντέρωτα abs te peto. Nullum enim hominem eruditum pluris hodie facio quam te, Vir Amplissime; nec sine causa. Nihil adhuc edidisti
 20 Anglice et Latine quod non legerim et admiratus sim. Itaque velim ita de me censeas ut de homine tui amantissimo, et celeberrimi nominis tui perquam studioso. Vale. Dabam Berolini ipsis Calendis Septembris. A. C. MDCCXXI.

CCXXIII.

VIRO REVERENDO ET ERUDITISSIMO

RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D.

PETRUS BURMANNUS.

CREBRIORES a me acciperes literas, si vel eas gratas tibi accidere, vel illa, quæ per adolescentes 5 hinc in Britanniam tendentes mittere consuevi, tibi accepta esse intelligerem; nunc vero metu, ne molestus sim, sæpe me suavissimo epistolarum mutuarum commercio et fructu privari doleo. Causa vero quæ me impulit ut has ad te darem, publica magis quam 10 mea est.

Utor amico optimo Joh. Hermanno Schminckio, olim discipulo meo, nunc Historiarum Marpurgi Professore, qui satis celebre sibi nomen editione Eginhardi de Vita Caroli M. et aliis scriptis peperit. Is 15 ad me scribit, se constituisse edere *Epistolas Petri de Vineis nomine Frederici II. scriptas*, quia rarissimæ hodie sunt. Cumque novam editionem accessione aliqua ornare vellet, petiit a me ut ex Amicis Britannis exquirerem, num sibi copia fieri posset *Dictami-* 20 *num M. Petri de Vineis*, quorum aliquot exemplaria in Angliæ Bibliothecis exstare novit certe in catalogo Codicum MSS. Bodleianorum pag. 94, n. 1900, et reperio *Magistri Petri de Vineis Dictamina*, tribus *partibus de Gestis Frederici II.*, et pag. 144, 2686, 87, 25 *libros sex Epistolarum*, pag. 143 in Collegio S. Benedicti, n. 1599, *Dictamina Magistri P. de Vineis*, 1648 *ibid. Fragmenta quarundum Epistolarum P. de Vineis*,

cujus codicis meminit Caveus Histor. Literaria, p. 628. Præterea in Bibliotheca Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Dunelmensis, p. 11, n. 502, *P. de Vineis de Forma Dictandi, et Epistolæ*, in Bibliotheca Nortfolciana, pag. 5 77, n. 3036. *Petrus de Vineis super privilegiis ab Imperatoribus concessis*, pag. 243, in Bibliotheca Jacobæa, n. 8266. *Petri de Vineis Flores Dictaminum*. Ex his codicibus si unius vel alterius copia per te vel amicos, quos habes, fieri nobis posset magnis meritis 10 tuis erga me cumulus accederet: et si qui sumptus in iis describendis faciendi essent, lubenter illud onus subiremus. Meretur certe diligentia doctissimi viri, qui in mediæ ævi rebus illustrandis omnem fere consumit operam, ut ejus conatus adjuventur.

15 Ego, si quid agam quæris, totus in Ovidio sum, cujus jam Amatoria et Metamorphoses descripta prælo sunt, ultimusque tomus jam operas exercet. Sequetur brevi Valerius Flaccus, de quo pro ingenii modo bene mereri conabor. Vidi in Catalogo Col- 20 legii Corporis Christi, pag. 50, n. 1533, *Anonymi Commentarium in Ovidii Ibin*; quem si diversus esset ab illo, quem Bœssius edidit, inspicere ab aliquo vellem; sed cum neminem Oxoniæ habeam, cum quo familiaritas intercedit, rogarem maximo opere, ut id in 25 meam gratiam curares: et forte tibi jam olim ille notus fuerit commentator quo adjunctus est Manilio, quem excussisse te nullus dubito.

Ignosce quæso, Vir præstantissime, quod tantum tibi oneris imponam; gratum me, et in omni loco paratum ad similia officia, si requiris, præstanda reperi- 30 ries. De tuis in quibus occuparis laboribus, si quid resciscere liceat gratissimi venirent nuntii, literæ tuæ, ex quibus quid de N. Testamento, quid de Ma-

nilio, quid de Terentio Orbis eruditus expectare posset, discerem. Vale, et me ama. Leidæ, a. d. 11 Septb. CIOCCCXXI.

CCXXIV.

SUMME REVERENDO, DOCTISSIMO, CELEBERRIMOQUE
VIRO RICHARDO BENTLEIO
S. P. D. JO. CHRISTOPH. WOLFIUS.

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RETULIT ad me nuper, Vir Celeberrime, doctissimus mihique amicissimus La Crozius, Te maximopere cupidum esse collationis Novi Testamenti cum Codice MS. Seideliano, cujus Doctiss. Jablon- 10
skius in præfatione ad Biblia sua Hebr. mentionem fecerit. Cumque is una cum alio, Seidelii cura et sumtu ex Oriente quondam advecto, et eandem, ni fallor, ætatem præ se ferente, ipsius La Crozii liberalitate ad me pervenerit, utrumque cum editione N. T. 15
Milliana, quæ Amstelodami repetita est, comparavi ipse ea, qua potuit fieri, industria. Quæ ex hac comparatione subnatæ sunt lectionum varietates, eas in his pagellis consignatas invenies. Studium hoc quaecunque debere me arbitratus sum humanitati Tuæ 20
singulari, quam ante hos quatuordecim annos præsens expertus sum, doctrinæ item et præclaris institutis, quibus sacras æque ac profanas literas provehere ac ornare feliciter pergis. Ut de ætate ac conditione utriusque Codicis eo rectius judicium formari posset, 25
adjeci specimina literis A et B signata, quibus in

collatione ipsa designantur. Ita vale, Vir Celeberrime, et res ex voto age. Dab. Hamburgi, ipsis Kalendar. Octobr. An. CIOI³CCCXXI.

P. S. Doctissimo Wilkinsio salutem, quæso, plurimam ex me nuntia.

CCXXV.

Dr. Bentley to Dr. Mead.

WORTHY SIR,

I RETURN you my hearty thanks for your kind present of the Sigeian Inscription, illustrated with the learned and elaborate commentary of the
 10 Rev. Mr. Chishull. I read it last night before I went to bed; and upon the perusal I was confirmed in the opinion, that I told you I had, on the first view of it. I make bold to give you my reasons; which (if you think fit) you may communicate to the
 15 learned Editor, with my thanks and service.

Mr. Chishull tells us (p. 3) that the less inscription is wrote on the upper part of the stone, not on the side as in the edition. I shall give it therefore in common alphabet thus:

20	(1) φανοδικο
	εμιτορμοκ
	ρατεοστο
	προκοννη
	σιοκρητηρ
25	αδεκαινποκ
	ρητηριονκ

αιθημον : εσπ
 ρυτανηιον
 εδωκενσυκε
 ευσιν

N. B. Here in the first inscription occur two, not 5 original Cadmean, letters, H and Ω.

(2) Φανοδικο : ειμι : το Η
 ερμοκρατος : το προκο
 νεσιο : καγο : κρατερα
 καπιστατον : και Ηεθμ 10
 ον : ες πρυτανειον : κ (sic)
 δοκα : μνεμα : σιγευ
 ευσι : εαν δε τι πασχ
 ο μελεδα : ινεν : : : εο
 σιγειες : και μεπο 15
 εισεν Ηαισοπος
 και Ηαδελφοι

N. B. All Cadmean letters, no H or Ω, Η is the Latin H aspirate.

Of the first inscription both the reading and inter- 20 pretation is easy: and Mr. Chishull has given it right. *Phanodici sum Hermocratis F. Proconnesii: Craterem autem et Basin et Colum ad Prytaneum dedit Sigeensibus. Phanodici, i. e. δῶρον donum.—I am the gift or present of Phanodicus, who gave three 25 vessels, a Crater, a Bason, and a Strainer, for the use of the Prytaneum.*

This inscription, as I take it, was engraved on one of those three vessels: and either at first was transcribed upon this stone, to make the benefaction 30 known to the commonalty without doors, or else afterwards, when the vessels might be old, and new cast, to continue the memorial of it.

The second inscription, I conceive, was engraved

on another of these vessels: but there's much more difficulty in reading and distinguishing that than the former. But it's plain there's mention of the same present, as in the other: a Crater, a Bason, or Stand,
 5 and a Strainer: only what in the first is called ὑποκρητήριον is here called Ἐπίστατος. This (if you suppose with me to be engraved on the vessels) was prudently done; for one of them might be worn out or lost before the other; and the same guest, though
 10 none was lost, might not look on them all. So that the memory of the benefaction was more secured, by repeating the whole gift on each vessel.

I read and distinguish the second inscription thus:
 Φανοδίκου εἰμὶ τοῦ Ἑρμοκράτους τοῦ Προκονησίου καὶ γώ.
 15 *Et ego sum (donum) Phanodici Hermocratis F. Proconesii.* This, I take it, was engraved upon the second vessel; and by καὶ γώ (*and I too*) indicates both itself and the other.

It follows in the inscription: κρατήρα καπίστατον
 20 καὶ ἡθμὸν ἐς Πρυτανεῖον κδωκα μνήμα σιγχειῦσι. As in other places of this inscription, and many others, both Greek and Latin, here's a plain blunder of the Stonecutter: κδωκα for ἐδωκα; and the necessity of the sense obliges us to charge him with another
 25 blunder in this same word, ἔδωκα for ἔδωκε, as in the former inscription. If he had not made κ for ε, I should have suspected he made it in the first person ἔδωκα; because he might take καὶ γώ to belong to the latter clause and not to the first. But the egregious
 30 negligence in making a consonant for a vowel prevents this conjecture.

It follows, Ἐὰν δέ τι πάσχω μελεδα.ινεν εο σιγχειες. Between ινεν and εο one letter is worn out in the

stone; that is not hard to be supplied, and I read it thus: Ἐὰν δέ τι πάσχω, μελέδα, ἢν' ἐνδέω, σιγείεσι: *Si quid autem (detrimenti) passus fuerit, cura (erit) ubi opus habeam Sigiensibus.* Μελέδη (Æolice Μελέδα) is in this sense used by Hippocrates: and ἢν' ἐνδέω 5 is known and common Greek, and comes most pat to the sentence. The Graver seems to have missed the *Ιωτα* in *σιγείες*: but it may be read *σιγείεις* in the nominative case: *remedium (erunt) Sigeenses.* The last clause is: καί μ' ἐποίησεν αἴσωπος καὶ ἀδελφοί. 10 *Et fecit me Æsopus et Fratres.* This well agrees with the three vessels, if we suppose these inscriptions engraved on them. Æsop, a silversmith or brazier, and his two Brothers, made each of them one of them. 15

I shall now consider Mr. Chishull's explication, where it differs from my own. He supposes this stone to have been the *basis to a statue* of Phanodicus; that this inscription is spoken as in the person of Phanodicus; that the inscription was at first but 20 one, the lower of the two; the upper being an interpolation of the lower, wrote many years after it, and adapted to the writing and language of that respective recenter age.

Now, in the first place, there are no footsteps left 25 of this supposed *statue*, 'tis mere conjecture; and if it arises not from the matter of the inscription, it has no basis to support it. Indeed, a statue has nothing to do with a Prytaneum; a Hall, a Dining-room for the Magistrates and Strangers of note, where there 30 was good cheer at the public charge. Mr. Chishull, in his learned notes, has shewed this, and a whole book might be writ about it. Besides, a statue is

quite disproportioned to so small a benefaction as three vessels for drinking, which probably were but of copper. Add, that in those early days, when this inscription was made, Statuaries were either none or
 5 very few, especially in so mean a town as Sigeum.

That the upper inscription should be perhaps a whole age junior to the lower is improbable at first thought. If one's younger than the other, surely the lower. Would any one leave the upper, the
 10 conspicuous part of the stone bare; and write the inscription at the bottom, to be fouled by the Soil, and covered by the Nettles?

But above all, the improprieties of stile, if the inscription is spoken of Phanodicus or his statue,
 15 are most shocking and indefensible.

Φανοδίκου εἰμί. *I am* (the statue) of *Phanodicus*. In the absence from my books I will not be positive, but I believe there's not an instance of that to be found. It should be in the nominative Φανόδικός
 20 εἰμι: as χαλκῇ παρθένος εἰμί. quoted by Mr. Chishull and many more in the Anthologia Epigr. The genitive case in such inscriptions on *basises* denotes the Artificer as ΛΥΣΙΠΠΟΥ, not the person resembled by the statue.

It goes on: *I am the statue of Phanodicus, καὶ γὰρ*
 25 *ἔδωκα, and I gave three vessels to the Prytaneum.* What! The statue gave the vessels? Tell us not so, for common sense's sake. And yet take notice, if the upper shorter inscription is not allowed to be
 30 original and coeval to the lower, this construction is necessary, and καὶ γὰρ must needs be referred to the following clause, and not, as I have done it, to the preceding. Mr. Chishull is sensible enough of this

gross absurdity of speech : but he, out of fondness to his inscription, being willing to make the famous Æsop the statuary here, would palliate the flaw with a *more prorsus Æsopico*, as if Æsop made both statue and inscription too. But it will not do. 5
Though Beasts, and Trees, and Pots speak in Æsop's Fables, yet even Æsop's beasts talk with more propriety than their Master is supposed to do here.

I can scarce think Mr. Chishull in earnest, when he would do such honour to this supposed statue. 10
Æsop was no statuary, he is not said to have had Ἀδελφοὶ any brothers. It's singular, and without examples, that three artificers should be ascribed to one statue : nor can Ἀδελφοὶ ever be allowed to mean no more than Συνεργοί. 15

Well : if the statue is turned to Phanodicus himself, when he tells us *he gave the vessels*, yet in the next clause he's a mere statue again : *If any mischance, says he, happens to me, the Sigeans are to mend me : I was made by Æsop and his brethren.* 20
And yet he speaks like a Pot more than a Statue ; for if a Statue is defaced it cannot be mended, but a new one must be made. But a Pot bruised or cracked may easily find a Doctor.

Mr. Chishull reads those words thus : Ἐὰν δέ 25
τι πάσχω μελεδα· ἵνειν : ἐὼ σιγείεις. But he finds great difficulty in accounting for the dot and space in the middle of μελεδα· ἵνειν. He dislikes also ἐὼ, *sino* : because then there's a letter erased and not accounted for. He prefers therefore ἐρέω, *dicam*, *ju-* 30
bebo : but he does not reflect that this way he makes a letter ε too much. Besides that allowing ἐρέω, it must not be σιγείεις, but σιγείεισιν or σιγείέσιν. I

cannot but think he'll allow my ἔνδ' ἐνδέω to be true and certain.

The difficulties that induced Mr. Chishull to think the upper inscription more recent than the other, and
 5 to be an interpolation of it, are these: that the letters H and Ω are there, but in the lower in their stead E, O: that it's ὑποκρητήριον in the upper, but in the lower (a word he says unheard of to us) ἐπίστατος. Now both the differences of writing and of that word
 10 are easily accounted for in my explication. For the two inscriptions are transcripts from the engravings on two vessels made by different artists; each of which spelt and spoke his own way.

Ἐπίστατος is not so unknown a word: we read in
 15 Aristophanes τοῦ ἑπιστάτου, that is, τοῦ ἐπιστάτου: whose nominative some of the old grammarians make ἐπιστάτης, and some ἐπίστατος. It certainly means in the Poet some household vessel; and why not the same as in the inscription? The Scholiasts knew
 20 not what it was, as their various interpretations shew. Ἐπίστατος therefore we have, but the other word ὑποκρητήριον, which is supposed the more recent, is, except in this inscription, wholly I suppose unknown. It's no wonder to me at all, that the very same day,
 25 the very same vessel might be called by one tradesman ὑποκρητήριον, and by another ἐπίστατος: each name being made by workmen, when that form of vessel was invented; and both taken from the use of it, according to the different ideas of standing on
 30 and supporting.

The other difficulty is H and Ω, which appearing in the first inscription, seems to derogate from the antiquity of this monument, if it be not supposed to

be recenter than the other. But in my explication there's no fear of that.

If one writ *η* and *ω*, and the other workman *ε* and *ο*; it proves that it was just upon the invention of those long vowels, before the new Orthography was 5 settled. Nor need we suppose that Simonides first found out those letters, but first carried them to Athens; which in that place would entitle him to the invention. *Ἑρμοκράτεος* and *κρητήρα* are full as old as *Ἑρμοκράτους* and *κρατήρα*: and *πρυτανήιον* in 10 the former older than *πρυτανείον* in the latter: if it be writ *πρυτανείον*; and not *ε* for *Η*, *πρυτανήιον*. I in *ηιον* may be either pronounced and make a syllable, or be adjunctum (that is, *ιῶτα subscriptum*) in the Æolian manner; as I remember these two verses 15 of Sappho in Hephæstion:

Ἦρ' ἔτι Δινομένη τῷ Τυρράκῃω
Τ' ἄρμενα λαμπρὰ κέατ' ἐν μυρσινῇω.

Nay, to me, though both workmen seem illiterate enough, the one having *συκεεύσι*, the other *σιγευεύσι*, 20 neither words grammatically spelt; yet the engraver of the latter seems the more ignorant. He has *ἐπόεισε*, and *αἴσωπος*, *ἀδελφός*, *ἡθμός* aspirate; the former has *ἡθμός* with a lene. Mr. Chishull would mend our present orthography, and from this authority would 25 have us henceforward read and write *ἡθμός* and not *ἡθμός*. But we must correct then twenty authors who have it in the compound *ἀπηθεῖν* and *ἀπήθημα*; and not (as the aspirate would require it) *ἀφηθεῖν* and *ἀφήθημα*. And so it is *αὐτάδελφος* and not aspi- 30 rate *αὐθάδελφος*. The latter's ignorance appears too in the making the same position of *σίγμα* in both

lines of the *Βουστροφηδόν*, thus 2 : whereas in one it ought to be 2, and in the other S.

Sir,—I have writ too much for an extempore remark, and too little for an accurate discussion, if I
 5 was amongst my books. If you shew it to Mr. Chishull pray let it go no further; nor bring me into a public Dispute. I'll dispute with nobody about nothing; much less about this with a Person for whose great Learning I have so just respect, and
 10 whose Labours in hand I wish so well to.

I'll add one remark, because here's paper yet to spare.

Monsieur Tournefort brought out of Greece a short Inscription on a basis at Delos, on which formerly
 15 stood a Coloss Statue of Apollo; the letters are of the same form with our Sigeian monument; in present letters thus:

οα Fυτο λιθο εμ ανδριας και το σφελας,

Father Montfaucon reads it thus:

20 *Ἐν τῷ λίθῳ εἰμὶ ἀνδριᾶς καὶ τὸ σφέλας.*
 In lapide sum statua et basis.

This is justly censured by Mr. Chishull, as both varying from the original and void of all good sense.

Mr. Chishull goes exactly to the letters, and reads
 25 thus:

οὐ αὐτοῦ λίθου εἰμὶ ἀνδριᾶς καὶ τὸ σφέλας.
 Non sum ejusdem lapidis et statua et basis.

But with all submission, even this sense seems too low, and not worthy to be said to all spectators.
 30 For what wonder that the statue and basis should be of different stones; when in the greater statues 'twas

scarce ever otherwise, the statue being fix'd and solder'd to the base. I'll try my hand at it, and shall keep exactly to the letters; only beg leave to suppose a *Ταν*, which in above 2000 years may have been worn out at the beginning. 5

I read,

Τοῦ αὐτοῦ λίθου εἰμ' ἀνδριὰς καὶ τὸ σφέλας.

Ex eodem lapide sum statua et basis.

That is, in the then pronunciation, and in the now orthography, 10

Ταῦτοῦ λίθου εἶμ' ἀνδριὰς καὶ τὸ σφέλας.

Which is a true Iambic verse, and that establishes the correction. This indeed was worth telling; to be both of the same stone, in a Coloss, was both costly and extraordinary. 15

CCXXVI.

ILLUSTRI ET ERUDITISSIMO VIRO RICHARDO MEAD
AMICO SUO SINGULARI S. P. D.

RICHARDUS BENTLEIUS.

REDIT ad te, virorum optime, NICANDER tuus ex editione doctissimi Gorraei; quam e divite quidem 20
Tua, sed eleganti tamen et non quorumvis librorum bibliotheca, mihi nuper suppeditasti. Sed næ tu homo facetus, et si dicere fas est, nimium urbanus es, qui scriptorem medicum, *ἰητρῶν* olim ὄχ' ἄριστον, sed longi jam ævi injuriis αὐτὸν ἔλκεσι βρύνοντα, Mihi 25
professione Theologo medicandum et emendandum

commisisti. Ipse omnium Medicorum sine controversia princeps, qui unus et poteras, et debebas ὁμοτέχνῳ tuo Nicandro manum medicam admove-
 5 re.

Non deerunt tamen, sat scio, quæ causaberis, et
 5 quibus jure excusatus abeas; ita enim profecto res
 est: tot Superstites ægroti in Civitate omnium fre-
 quentissima Te in dies et horas sollicitant, Te accer-
 sunt, Te diripiunt; ut nec tantillum tibi temporis
 supersit, quod poetæ Mortui cineribus impendas: Me
 10 itaque, qui malevolorum quorundam beneficio sic sa-
 tis, ut nunc est, otiosus sum, vicariam tibi operam
 navare voluisti.

Ego vero, qui Tibi uni a me postulanti nūquam
 quicquam recusare potui, multo tamen libentius hoc,
 15 quicquid est, vel officii vel oneris in me recepi; quod
 celeberrimis Viris, D^{no} *Sherard* cui præter alios titu-
 los rei Herbariæ ceu mortalium omnium peritissimo
 jampridem Corona donata est, D^{no}que *Boerhaave*,
 magno illi Academiæ Leidensis ornamento, qui cum
 20 pluribus Græcis Medicis Nicandrum hunc jam nunc
 editurus est, rem me non ingratham facturum intellexi.

Quare habe Tibi Poetam tuum antiquarium sane
 illum, obsoleta et casca verba studiose venantem, et
 vel sui sæculi lectoribus difficilem et obscurum: quo
 25 minus mirum est, si post egregiorum hominum Gor-
 ræi et Stephani industriam tanta adhuc mendorum
 seges remanserit, ut totus fere libri tui margo correc-
 tiunculis nostris oblinatur. Eas ego sic nudas, nullis
 rationibus fultas, nullis pigmentis ornatas in publi-
 30 cum projicio; gnarus scilicet vel sic satisfactum iri
 paucis illis qui Græce luculenter sciunt, ceteros vero
 ne lecturos quidem.

Vale, Vir Præstantissime, ac fratrem tuum qui in

Jurisprudentiæ studio Tuæ in Medicina palmæ et laureæ certat meo veteris sodalis nomine saluta.

Ex Collegio Stæ Trinitatis Cantab. Augusti die X, MDCCXXII.

CCXXVII.

Thomas Rud to Richard Bentley.

DURHAM, October 22, 1722. 5

REVEREND SIR,

HAVING found in the Dean and Chapter's library a fragment of a MS^t of the New Testament, which we judge to be 1000 years old, I believed you would not be unwilling to see the various readings 10 that are to be found in it, which I have therefore collected and send you. I sent you formerly by Mr. Walker the readings of another fragment of the same MS^t; which, together with this, continues the text from Mat. 27. 35, to Mar. 6. 6, and from Mar. 15 9. 1, to Chap. 14. 55. But whereas the former fragment, being put into a large folio, is intire in all its lines and letters; this, being joined to a lesser book, is cut, to make it of the same size with it: so that it wants about 3 lines in the top, and some letters in the 20 outward column. The latter defect (where there were any letters left to guess by) I supplied as well as I could, and put what I thought had been writ within two brackets; but some places I could make nothing of. If I meet with any more fragments of this or 25 any other antient MS^t I shall acquaint you with it.

I make use of this opportunity to desire your help in explaining the Inscriptions which are on the other page, which I am at a loss in. The first of them being very corrupt, I have transcribed in Capitals, 5 that you may be the better able to conjecture how it ought to be read. Under it I have writ in small letters so much of it as I could read, or guess at. For the rest, I want the assistance of an abler hand; and therefore beg the favour of your opinion about it. 10 It seems to be the Epitaph of a young Bithynian, who, being shipwrecked near Corcyra, was buried in the Isle, upon the Sea-shore.

The first distich seems to tell the passenger, that if he wanted to know who he and his parents were, 15 he might learn from that tomb. In the 4th v. for *δισμονος*, *δύσμοπος* seems to be nearest to it, and most agreeable for this occasion, whether applied to the Mother or the Son. In the 6th v. I can make out nothing but *πίσυνος* perhaps there may be a reflection on his boldness in venturing upon such a voyage. 20 In the next verse I thought of two words, but neither of them satisfy me. *Κεῖμαι δ' εἰν ἀκτῇ* is nearest the letters, as they now stand; but then *θῖνα* seems to be the same thing: or *δ' ἐν καλύβῃ* might 25 do, if the word may signify a grave, which I doubt. If I recede from the letters, it is because I have found it by experience necessary to do so, to make any sense of several that I have met with in the Collection, out of which I have transcribed these. It 30 was made by Sir G. Wheler and Mr. Spon in their travels: Sir Geo. Wheler has a Collection of near 400, most of them Greek; a good many of which have not yet been published. But it is not to be

expected that travellers should be as accurate in their transcriptions, as those learned men who have the old marbles at home, and can consult them as oft as they please. A remarkable instance of this I have met with in F. Montfaucon's *Palæographia Gr.* 5 p. 148, where he gives a true Copy of an Inscription, which is very faulty both in Mr. Spon and Sir G. Wheler.

The *second* Inscription is on the basis of a statue of Apollo in Delos, which I can make nothing of, 10 tho' the letters seem to be much the same with those of another which I have set under it; and which I think I have deciphered right; because the sense is coherent, and proper for the occasion: tho' the Poet has mistaken the quantity of πατήρ. 15

In the third, I suppose it must be read πόλιν, because of τὴν ἐπίσημον, and εἰς αὐτήν, which are referred to it. Ἀλείφω may be used either with ἔλαιον or μύρον. or, as he is a Physician, with χρίσμα, or some other word that signifies the unguents used by 20 men of that profession: but because of the adverbs λαμπρῶς, &c., which follow it, it seems to signify some splendid entertainment he had given them. The like is mentioned in an inscription at Delos, but I never met with ἀλείφω in that sense. For ἀπικὰς, 25 in the last line, a friend of mine thinks it should be read ἀπτικὰς &c. δραχμάς. But, besides that, I believe this Adjective is not used without a Substantive in this sense: a thousand drachmæ is but a small sum to present to a public stock; and one would 30 scarce think the Senate so mean and beggarly as to receive every one of them money from him. If it be

read *χειλίουσ δαρεικούσ*, such a sum would be a handsome present for their common stock.

In perusing this collection of Inscriptions, I often find the want of the assistance of so good a judgment
 5 as yours. I shall take it as a great favour to have it upon these that I have now sent you. But, as I am sensible of your many occupations, I would not interrupt them by your giving me your opinion in writing. If you'll please to let Mr. Morgan (from
 10 whom you'll receive this) know it, he will give me an account of it.

To make you what amends I can for this trouble, I have a piece of news to tell you, which will, I doubt not, be very grateful to you. There has lately
 15 been discovered at Ripon, in Yorkshire, a MS^t of *Demosthenes*, (all or most of his works), about 500 years old. Dr. Mangey, one of our Prebendaries, found it in a heap of old books, long neglected and forgotten. The Dean, whom I saw here the other
 20 day, says he will send it over to him; and he says he will (if he can have time,) collate it with Morel's edition. I do not find that there is any considerable MS^t of *Demosthenes* in England, except [one] among the Baroccian MS^{ts} of about 15 speeches. This is a
 25 thick 4to., and has with it *Synesius* and *Aristotle's Rhetoric*.

I am, Sir,

Your very humble servant,

THO. RUD.

30 To the Reverend DR. BENTLEY,
 Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,
 in CAMBRIDGE.

[Inscriptions referred to in the preceding Letter.]

In insula Corcyra:—

ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΔΕΣΕΤΩΝΚ

ΗΡΩΣΧΑΙΡΕ

... ΠΥΝΘΑΝΕΑΙΤΙΣΕΦΥΕΕΝΕΠ ΖΔΕΕΓΕΝ....

... ΑΡΟΔΕΙΤΑΜΘΕΣΤΑΣΟΔΙΣΟΝΠΙΟΤΑΦΩΝ

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... ΝΝΑΜΕΝΓΛΑΥΚΟΣΜΕΠΑΤΗΡΤΙΚΤΕΣΕΜΕΜΕΤΗΡ

... ΧΡΥΣΟΓΟΝΗΚΑΙΜΕΥΔΙΣΜΟΝΟΣ ΟΥΚΟΜΑΤΟ

... ΤΕΛΕΥΘΕΙΓΑΡΠΑΤΡΗΣΒΕΙΘΥΝΙΟΣ^{Η Ω}ΣΟΛΗΣΑΘΥΜΟΝ

... ΙΑΥΤΙΑΙΗΛΥΡΡΗΙΤΕΜΕΠΙΣΥΝΟΣ

... ΚΕΙΜΑΙΔΕΝΕΚ^ΕΠΗΠΑΡΑΘΕΙΝΑΛΟΣΗΝΕΜΟΕΣΣΑΝ

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ΥΣΤΑΤΑΛΥΓΡΟΝΕΜΟΙΔΕΡΚΟΜΕΝΟΣΠΕΛΑΓΟΣ

Ἦν ἀναπνυθάνεαι τίς ἔφυν ἐγὼ, ἣτις ἐγέννα;

ὦ παροδείτα μάθοις.....τῷδε τάφῳ.

Γεννᾷ μὲν Γλαῦκός με πατήρ, τίκτεν δέ με μήτηρ

Χρυσογόνῃ.....δύσμορος.....

15

Τηλόθε γὰρ πάτρης Βειθύνης ὤλεσα θυμὸν,

.....πίσυννος

Κεῖμαι δ' ἐν.....παρὰ θεῖν' ἄλός ἡνεμόεσσαν,

ὑστατα λυγρὸν ἐμοὶ δερκόμενος πέλαγος.

In Delo. In basi statuæ Apollinis:—

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ΝΑΞΙΟΙ ΑΠΟΛ.

ΔΥΤΟΝΙΘΟΡΙΑΝΔΡΙΑΚΔΟΙΤΟΣΨΕΓΔΣ

In Bœotia:—

ΜΝΑΜΕΠΟΝΙΛΕ

ΔΑΙΜΟΠΑΤΕΡΕ

ΠΕΘΕΚΕΘΑΝΩΝ

ΤΙΟΣΘΙΝΟΣΟΣ

ΠΕΝΘΟΣΘΕΚΕΝ

ΑΠΟΘΙΜΕΝΟΣ

Μνᾶμ' ἐπ' Ὀλιγεδάμῳ πατήρ

ἐπέθηκε θανόντι.

25

Ὃς φίλος, ὃς πένθος θῆκεν

ἀποφθίμενος.

Lampsaci :—

Ἡ Γερουσία

Κῦρον Απολλωνίου Αρχία-
τρον ἄριστον πόλει τὴν ἐπί-
5 σημον πρὸς πολλοῖς εὐεργε-
τημασιν εἰς αὐτὴν ἀλείψαντα
λαμπρῶς, καὶ πολυδαπάνως καὶ
ἀσυνκρίτως, καὶ ἀποχαρισάμε-
νον χειλίας ἀπικὰς τῇ Γερουσίᾳ.

CCXXVIII.

Richard Bentley to Thomas Rud.

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TRIN. COLL., Novem. 28, 1722.

REVEREND SIR,

BEING lately come to Cambridge, I took up
your obliging Letter, and return you my hearty
Thanks for the Collation of your Fragments of the
15 Old Gospels.

I run over your Greek Inscriptions. If I had the
Original of Sir G. W., I might have done better;
for you'll be sensible that every Transcription adds
to the Difficulty. The first I read thus:—

20

Βασιλείδης ἐτῶν κ.

Ἦρως Χαῖρε.

Ἦν ἀναπυθάνειαι, τίς ἔφυσεν ἔμ' ἢ τις ἐγέννα,

ᾧ παροδίτα, μάθε στὰς ὀλίγον πρὸ τάφων.

Γεννᾷ μὲν Γλαῦκός με πατὴρ, τίκτει δέ με ματὴρ

25

Χρυσογόνῃ, καὶ μεν δύσμορος οὐκ ὄνατο.

Τηλόθε γὰρ πάτρης Βιθυνίδος ὤλεσα θυμὸν,

Ναυτιλίῃ λυγρῇ νηῖτ' ἐμῇ πίσυνος,

Κεῖμαι δ' ἐν Σχερίῃ παρὰ θῖν' ἀλὸς ἠνεμόεσσαν,

Ὑστατα λυγρὸν ἐμοὶ δερκόμενος πελαγος.

Basilides—of 20 years' age; *Heros salve*. Οὐκ ὄνατό μεν; *nullum gaudium, fructum, opem a me cepit; perii enim adolescens*. Σχερίη is the name of Corcyra, where the Tomb lies.

The second is ill copied, and is the same with that in Monfaulcon, from Mr. Tournefort; mentioned likewise by Mr. Chishull in his Sigeian Inscription. The True reading, which they all mistake, I take to be this:—

Ταυτοῦ λίθου εἶμ' ἀνδριάς καὶ τὸ σφέλας.

10

Ex eodem sum lapide et Statua et Basis: That thing was memorable when both Base and Statue were cut of one Stone; and is observed by Pliny 5 or 6 times.

The last I read,

Χιλίας Αττικός, hoc est δραχμάς.

15

I am, Your Obedient Humble Servant,

R. BENTLEY.

CCXIX.

CELEBERRIMO DOCTISSIMOQUE VIRO

PETRO BURMANNO

S. P. D. RICHARDUS BENTLEIUS.

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MENSES, Vir amicissime, nescio quot effluxerunt, ex quo Literæ tuæ Londini me offenderunt, cum Variis Negotiis occupatum, tum et litibus implicitum. In eis, si bene memini, manuscriptos Libros Petri de Vineis, qui Londini, Oxonii, et Cantabrigiæ latent, vel exscribendos vel ad Editiones, conferendos mihi commendasti: lentum sane nego-

tium, cui suscipiendo nec otii satis nec temporis mihi suppetebat.

Neminem porro in utraque Academia noveram, a quo vel tuto id vel verecunde possem exigere: adeo literarum omnes, nedum humaniores, illic frigent; et quibus olim ad talia usus sum amicis hi ad plures abierunt.

Excussi tamen codices quos notasti, in Arundeliana, Cottoniana, et Jacobæa Bibliothecis; et mea fide significare potes amico illi tuo, nihil ibi extare præter formulas quasdam et Excerpta, compilata ex editis Epistolis, et nullius plane rei: quod et de ceteris nondum mihi visis certo augurari licet. Unde enim apud Nos, quod in Germania desideretur? cum Auctor ibi vixerit, et Imperatori ab Epistolis fuerit.

Illud quoque postulabas, ut Commentatorem Vetterem ad Ibin, Oxonii, cum edito conferendum curarem. Vellem sane libenter; sed nemo (credo) ibi degit, qui Boessii librum habeat, quocum conferre possit: nec amicos ibi superstites habeo, qui vel codicem integrum, vel ejus specimen exscribant. Tamen, si te valde id cupere intelligam, perfricabo frontem et vel ab ignoto id efflagitabo. Tu vero quid aut quorsum? An inficetas illas Scholiastæ nænias recoquere vel rursus edere constituis? Nam in Heinsii curis secundis ad Nasonem publicandis nunc Præla vestra sudare prædicant.

Audivisti opinor, [me] in Novo Testamento ex vetustissimis Membranis restituendo occupari: nuper tamen cum relaxandi animi causa secundum Tristium librum percurrerem, mihi visus sum nonnulla deprehendisse, quæ priores ingeniosissimi Viri curas effugerant. Sane ex omnibus Ovidii libris mendosissimi sunt Tristia; cum omnes qui supersunt MS^{ti}, saltem qui Heinsio visi sunt, prorsus sint recentes.

V. 16,

Saxa malum refero rursus ad *ista* pedem.

Ita perperam H. ex Conjectura. MS^{ti} recte *icta*. Ad proverbium respicit notissimum,

Δὲς πρὸς τὸν αὐτὸν αἰσχροὺν εἰσκρούειν λίθον.

5

V. 69,

Fama *Jovis* superest.

Inepte: unde Heinsius conjicit,

Fama *Jovi* *par* est.

Ego sic repono:

10

Fama *Jovi* superest,

i. e. satis et abunde ei famæ est: non indiget fama; laudari tamen gaudet. Sic Terent. Phorm. I. 2—

Cui tanta erat res, et *supererat*.

V. 86,

15

Ipsa suo *quondam* pondere tecta ruunt.

Hoc distichon pro spurio habet H., quod in sensu cum præcedente conveniat. Ita quidem, si sic legatur. Sed recepta lectio bene se habebat:—

Ipsa suo *quædam* pondere *tracta* ruunt:

20

hoc est, sine ictu et impulsu *Fortunæ*. Ergo locum suum hic servet. Sed priora illa disticha, v. 5, 6, et 79, 80, jure ab H^o ejiciuntur: et pariter sequens v. 91, 92. Mirum quantum sibi indulgit in inserendis suis distichis nebulo quidam; nam omnia videntur ab una eademque manu profecta, cum sint æque insulsa.

V. 109,

Illo *namque* die qua me *malus* abstulit error.

Altera et plurium codicum lectio præferenda est,

Illo *nostra* die, qua me *meus* abstulit error.

30

Sane illud *nostra* est plane necessarium.

V. 111,

Patrio dicatur ut *ævo*.

Quid sodes est patrio *ævo*? cum Equestris esset ejus
familia *per innumeros avos*, ut alibi gloriatur; lege
5 certissime,

Patrio dicatur ut *arvo*.

Sulmone scilicet, ubi per tot sæcula sedem fixerat.

V. 122,

Sub uno,

10 *Sed* non exiguo, crimine lapsa domus.

Alii Codd.

Sed tamen exiguo.

Heinsius conjicit,

Nec tamen exiguo.

15 *Sed* neque convenit, ut se accuset; neque ut se prorsus
excuset. Medium inter hæc servabit, qui sic legerit,

Sub uno,

Si non exiguo.

Vere, ut puto: *Si* acerbus quis *non exiguum*, dixerit
20 saltem *unicum* fuisse confitebitur.

V. 126,

Ut fuerit nostro lenior illa metu;

altera lectio melior,

Venerit ut nostro,

25 in textum erat recipienda.

V. 138,

Parcaque fortunæ sunt *data* verba meæ.

Vide Heinsium. Sed illo quod arripit sensu, *verba*
dare fortunæ: notabis τὸ *verba* nullum Epitheton
30 posse admittere. Placet aliorum Codicum lectio:—

Parcaque f. sunt *tua* verba meæ;

hoc [est], clementia, parcentia.

V. 145,

Sperabimus *æque*.

Sic H. ex conjectura: nam Codd. *atque*, sed altera
ejus conjectura melior est,

Sperabimus *usque*.

V. 169,

Utque tui faciunt sidus juvenile nepotes. 5

Repone et distingue,

Ut faciuntque, tui sidus juvenile nepotes

Per tua perque sui facta parentis eant.

Sic codd. plerique omnes: *nepotes sidus ju.*, per appo-
sitionem: sed in altero illo ordine erit *faciunt sidus*, 10
casu accus.

V. 191,

Jazyges, et Colchi, Metereaue *turba*, Getæque;

lege *turma*: nam omnes isti in equo præliabantur.

V. 202. Repone in textu, 15

pax quoque *dempta* mihi:

Heu timeam gentes.

V. 223,

Advertere *numen*:

omnino melior altera lectio, *lumen*: hoc est, advertere 20
oculos. Advertere *numen* est, propitium esse.

V. 231-2,

Denique ut in tanto, quantum non exstitit unquam,

Corpore, pars nulla est quæ labet imperii;

versus suppositii, ab eadem, qua ceteri, mala manu. 25
Pro nulla *est*, dictum oportuit, nulla *sit*. Quare furca
ejiciantur.

V. 236,

Bellaque cum *multis* irrequieta geris.

Quinam illi *multi*? an *Pannonii, Illyrii, &c.*? Atqui 30
hic non bella externa sed domestica et civilia negotia
tangit, *legum tutelam et morum*. Quare lege cer-
tissime,

Bellaque cum *Vitiis* irrequieta geris.

V. 243-4,

Non tamen idcirco legum contraria jussis
Sunt ea, Romanas erudiuntque nurus.

Spuria hæc quoque, et inepta, nec genii Ovidiani.

⁵ His sublatis, vide, ut ceteri belle cohæreant:—

Illa quidem fateor frontis non esse severæ
Scripta, nec a tanto Principe digna legi.
Neve quibus scribam, possis dubitare.

Tantum abest, ut tibi scripti sunt hi libelli, ut ne

¹⁰ Matronis quidem quas ab eorum lectione submovi.

V. 263-4,

Persequar inferius (modo si licet ordine ferri)
Posse nocere animis carminis omne genus.

Iterum hæc a mala manu. Et verba et sententia

¹⁵ sunt ineptissima. Et sane aliud hic agebat Heinsius;
qui hoc distichon admisit, et sequens jugulavit. Ni-
mirum quia simile carminis initium v. 243,

Non tamen idcirco &c.

Atqui, O bone, illud 243 spurium est: hoc vero et
²⁰ elegans, et necessarium. Nam si tollas,

Nil prodest, quod non lædere possit idem:

illa sequentia de *Igne, Medicina, Ense, Eloquentia*,
quo referantur, non habent.

V. 277-8,

²⁵ At quiddam vitii quicumque hinc concipit, errat
Et nimium scriptis abrogat ille meis.

Iterum et inepta hæc et suppositia sunt: quibus sub-
latis vide ut pulchre cohæreant reliqua:—

Sic igitur carmen, recta si mente legatur,
³⁰ Constabit nulli posse nocere meum.
Ut tamen hoc fatear &c.

hoc, id est, nocere posse, at si spuria ista interponas, quid *fateatur*? non abrogare scriptis suis; Nugæ!

V. 285,

Cum quædam spatientur in hac, ut amator eadem
Conveniat quare porticus ulla patet?

5

Non placet in *hac*: quippe, cum dicit porticus *ulla*, dictum oportuit *his*; et ut MS^{ti} plerique eodem: sed corrigo

Cum quædam spatientur, *in hoc* ut amator *eodem*

Conv. in hoc, id est, ob hoc, ob eam causam.

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V. 291,

Proxima adoranti *Junonia* templa.

Sic H. ex editis, contra Codices scriptos. Male; Tu lege, *Junonis*: quippe sequitur,

hanc doluisse *deam*.

15

Venerit in magni templum tua munera Martis.

V. 296,

Stat Venus Ultori juncta *Viro* ante fores.

nec in *Viro* sunt numeri Ovidiani; neque recta sententia: Unde enim Mars est Vir Veneris, cum Vir sit Maritus? Spondebo tibi, hanc veram fore emendationem:—

Stat Venus Ultori juncta, *Vir* ante fores;

hoc est, Venus in medio templo cum Marte jungitur; Vir seu Vulcanus ante fores templi, cum ceteris Viris et Heroibus. Vide Nostrum Fast. lib. 5, de Æde Martis Ultoris.

V. 315-6,

Nil nisi peccatum, manifestaque culpa fatendum est;
Pœnitet ingenii judiciiue mei:

30

Rursus hoc inseruit mala manus: Vide ut his extrusis cetera belle cohærent:—

Curve meus cuiquam suadet amare liber?

Cur non Argolicis potius quæ concidit armis?

Jam illa insere; et sensum omnem conturbas. Nam illa *Cur, cur, cur, cur*, ex aliena exprobandis persona
5 inducantur. At spuria illa media ex ipsius Ovidii.

V. 340,

Et falso movi pectus amore meum.

Ita recte vestri: Cave cum Heinsio reponas *Fovi*.
Scis illud Virgilii.

10 Fœcundum *concute pectus*;

et hoc Vestri:—

Moverat ingenium totam cantata per urbem

Nomine non vero dicta Corinna mihi.

[*Cætera desiderantur*].

CCXXX.

John Walker to Richard Bentley.

PARIS, June 30th, 1723.

15 HONOURED SIR,

I HAVE been returned to Paris about a fortnight, from the Journey which I acquainted you with by my last; We passed through Normandy and Britainny as far as St. Malo, and Nantes, and
20 returned along the Loire by Orleans to Paris.

I did not miss any opportunity of examining the Libraries wherever we passed, but have not met with anything that I judged in the least necessary to your Edition of the New Testament. At Angers
25 I saw the Latin Bible, of which you have the Collation: It is not so old as they had represented it.

I am very glad that the Collations of Lucan have

answered your Expectations, though I promise myself much more from your Emendations than from all the MSS. put together. The Subscriptions at the End of each Book in the MS. A. are in the same hand with the Text, so that the Interlineary Corrections, which are from a later hand, could not be made by Paulus Constantinopolitanus. All the 3 MSS. have the common Abbreviations of $p. \bar{p}. p. q; \bar{e}.$ &c. In L. 1, v. 397, the MS. A. has *Ripam*, and not *Rupem*. The Life of Lucan is only in A., and I have¹⁰ not yet been able either to transcribe or collate it.

The MS. C. was certainly the Codex Puteaneus of Grotius; Claudius Puteanus has wrote his name in the first leaf of it.

I shall be very glad to receive your Commands, if¹⁵ you want anything else at Paris, before I leave it: we propose to return to England in the Month of August, when I hope to find your New Testament in great forwardness.

I beg leave to present my services to Mrs. Bentley²⁰ and all your Family and to assure you that I am, with the greatest respect,

Honoured Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

J. WALKER.²⁵

Pour l'Angleterre.

To the Reverend DR. BENTLEY,

at ESSEX HOUSE, in ESSEX-STREET,

in the STRAND,

LONDON.³⁰

[This address has been erased and a second substituted for it, as follows:]

For the Reverend DR. BENTLEY,

Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,

in CAMBRIDGE.

CCXXXI.

Thomas Rud to Richard Bentley.

DURHAM, *Septem.* 8, 1723.

REVEREND SIR,

I MAKE use of the opportunity of Mr. Chilton's going out of the Country to the College, to
 5 give you an account of what is contained in the Greek MS^t (which I some time ago acquainted you with) belonging to the Collegiate Church of Ripon. Upon comparing it with the Specimens of writing, which are in *Montfaucon's Palæographia Græca*, it
 10 seems to be about 500 years old. Though the whole book is not of the same hand; for the first 11 speeches of Demosthenes, which are marked with numeral letters, are of a larger size than the pieces that follow; which are all of the same writing, and
 15 seem to be as old as the other. What may make this book the more valuable is, that the Speeches of Demosthenes which are in it, are different from those that are in one of the Baroccian MSS^{ts} which has about as many as are here, and is the only one that
 20 I find among Dr. Bernard's Catalogues, that has any considerable part of this Author's writings.

We have another MS^t here, which, tho' it is but of an indifferent writer, yet deserves to be taken notice of, because it gives some light to a question, in which
 25 Mr. Selden has taken a great [deal] of pains in his Dissertation before the X. *Scriptores Historiæ Anglicanæ*: in which he endeavours to prove, that the *Historia Dunelmensis Ecclesiæ* was writ not by Sy-

meon (under whose name Sir Roger Twisden published it) but by Turgot, and has by his authority drawn the generality of learned men to be of the same opinion. Now this MS^t copy of that History shews, that all the parts of Mr. Selden's conjecture⁵ are ill grounded.

As, "1st, that the Cotton MS. was not only the oldest copy, as being writ by *Turgot* himself, [*ipse autographus*]; but also that it was the only one then extant [*tunc unicus*, as he says p. xxii. of his¹⁰ Dissertation]: Turgot having been so modest, as not to suffer it to be published, by transcribing other copies of it; and that this copy falling afterwards into Symeon's hands, he took the liberty to publish it for his own, being confident that no body would be¹⁵ able to discover the theft." Now this MS^t shews that this conjecture (which in itself is improbable enough), is entirely groundless. For it appears by the writing to be as old as the author; (so that the Cottonian copy was not the only one): and it was probably²⁰ the first fair copy that was taken from the Author's foul draught; being intended for the use of the Monastery where the History was first writ: as appears from a note in the book, which shews that it was kept among its Archives; and from 2 Catalogues²⁵ of the Bishops and Monks, with a preface to each of them, (which are, the latter of them especially, left out in other copies), with a request to have them continued. Symeon could not be ignorant of this Copy, being a Monk and principal Officer (*Præcen-30* tor) in the Monastery where it was kept: and, therefore, though he had got the other book into his

possession, he could not publish it as his own, without exposing his own impudence.

“ 2nd, he says that Symeon could not be the author of this History, because he lived too late to be
5 a witness of what the author says he saw or heard.”

Whereas, it appears from the Catalogue of Monks in this MS^t, that Symeon was one of the first of those at least that were first settled at Durham.

“ 3dly, he thinks that what is added, omitted, or
10 altered in the later copies, was done by Symeon, to conceal his theft.” But the only thing added (*Apolo-
logia Symeonis*) is made up out of the prefaces to the 2 Catalogues, (leaving out what is peculiar to the Catalogues themselves) which are in the Durham MS.
15 And the omissions or alterations (so few indeed that they scarce deserve to be taken notice of) may very well be accounted for from the same Manuscript.

“ 4thly, As he thinks that Symeon did not write this History; so he endeavours to prove that Turgot
20 was the true author of it.” Whereas it appears by these prefaces (which are undoubtedly genuine) that the History was writ by a Monk in obedience to his superiors; and therefore not by Turgot, who was then Prior.

25 I have met with nothing since my last, that may be of use to your N. T.; when I do, I shall communicate it to you.

Wishing all success to your learned labours, I am,
Honoured Sir,

30 Your most obedient, humble Servant,
THO. RUD.

To the Reverend DOCTOR BENTLEY,
Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,
in CAMBRIDGE.

Codex Bombycinus MS. in 4to, annorum circiter 500,
qui in Ecclesiæ Ripponensis, in agro Eboracensi,
Bibliotheca servatur, hos habet libellos :

Δημοσθένους Λόγος . . .	α. Ολυνθιακῶν	ὁς. ἀ.	5
	β. —————	β'.	
	γ. —————	γ.	
	δ. κατὰ Φιλίππου	ἀ.	
	ε. περὶ Εἰρήνης.		
	ς. κατὰ Φιλίππου	β'.	10
	ζ. περὶ Ἀλονήσου.		
	η. περὶ Χερρόνησου.		
	θ. κατὰ Φιλίππου	γ.	
	ι. κατὰ Φιλίππου	δ'.	
	ια. πρὸς τὴν Φιλίππου Επιστολήν.		15
	κατ' Αἰσχίνου περὶ παραπρεσβείας.		
Αισχίνου λόγος	ὑπὲρ τῆς παραπρεσβείας.		
Δημοσθένους λόγος	περὶ τοῦ Στεφάνου.		
	Επιτάφιος.		
Συνεσίου	περὶ Φαλάκρας.		20
	περὶ Προνοίας, Λόγος πρῶτος· ἡ, Αἰγύπτιος.		
	————— δεύτερος.		
	Δίων· ἡ, περὶ τῆς κατ' αὐτὸν διαγωγῆς.		
	εἰς τὸν Αὐτοκράτορα, περὶ τῆς βασιλείας.		
	πρὸς Παιώνιον, περὶ τοῦ δώρου.		25
Νικηφόρου τοῦ Γρηγοῤᾰ	προθεωρία εἰς τὴν εἰσῆγησιν αὐτοῦ τοῦ		
	Λόγου τοῦ Συνεσίου περὶ Εὐνυνίων.		
Συνεσίου	περὶ Εὐνυνίων.		
Αριστοτέλους	Ρητορικῇ, πρὸς Αλέξανδρον.		

CCXXXII.

CLARISSIMO AC DOCTISSIMO
 MULTISQUE NOMINIBUS MIHI COLENDO
 D. D. RICHARDO BENTLEIO,
 SERENISSIMI REGIS ANGLIÆ CAPELLANO, ET
 5 COLLEG. SS. TRINIT. CANTABRIG. PRÆFECTO GENERALI
 FR. CAROLUS RUÆUS S. P. D.

WALKERUS tuus, quem fratris loco hic unice
 diligimus, suo ad te, Vir Præstantissime, reditu gra-
 vissimum nobis sui desiderium relinquit, nec dici po-
 10 test quot lacrymis perfusi ei ultimum vale dixerimus.

Dolorem meum hæc una potest lenire spes, fore
 ut abunde tibi significet quam sincera te veneratione
 prosequar, quantum immortalibus tuis scriptis et de-
 lecter et faveam, quantumque me tibi debere ex
 15 animo profitear ob ingeniosas illas tuas, quas dudum
 ad me perhumaniter misisti, Tractatus Origenis *περὶ*
εὐχῆς emendationes.

Certe ni malos timerem irritare crabrones qui me
 continuo ceu transfugam deferrent, istud *περὶ εὐχῆς*
 20 opusculum præmissa dedicatoria epistola clarissimo
 tuo nomini inscriberem; sed ex Walkero audies
 quam duro hic ceu Romanæ Inquisitionis jugo pre-
 mamur, Regiis, verius dicam, Jesuiticis, Censoribus
 in id unum intentis, ut cuilibet ex eorum sodalitia
 25 qui Bullam Pontificiam, quæ incipit *Unigenitus*, vene-
 rabundi non suscipiunt, causam aliquam inveniant
 quamobrem imprimendi venia denegetur. Facio se-
 dulo ut nihil in Editione reperire queant quod ca-
 lumnia locum præbeat.

Aliud vero est quod ab anno fere integro obstat quominus ad primum Origenis mei volumen typis mandandum accedam; Typorum nempe Græcorum qui tolerabiles sint penuria, quæ hic tanta est, ut, ne miserrimis typis qui nunc Lutetiæ Parisiorum in usu 5 sunt, Origeniana contaminetur editio, satius visum fuerit expectare dum procusi sint novi et elegantiores, quos hortatu Montefalconii nostri peritissimus sculptor regius nomine *Desportes* adornat, omnino illis similes quibus olim Stephani utebantur. Spero 10 intra sex menses et forte citius, sculptoris opus absolutum iri, sicque fore ut Origeni his typis mandando totus incumbam.

Interim vereor, Vir Præstantissime, ne ubi typis edendi hujus auctoris labore defunctus ero, litem habeam prorsus injucundam cum Dño Humphreys, quicum de Origenianis quibusdam prorsus infeliciter transegi. Rem omnem a principio audias velim, ut auctoritate tua et supremo judicio a quo nefas sit appellare, litem componas, suum utrique tribuendo. 15 20

Plures, ut probe nosti, anni sunt, cum is edito in lucem prospectu monebat se prælo parata habere Origenis ἀνέκδοτα Commentaria in Psalmos, cum interpretatione latina, notis, observationibus, et Diatribis circa peculiariora hujus scriptoris dogmata. Fucum 25 mihi fecit fallax hic prospectus qui adhuc penes me est. Elapso enim sat longo temporis intervallo, cum spe recipiendæ a *Subscriberibus*, qui nulli erant, pecuniæ excidisse Dñum Humphreys rescivissem, avide per amicos eum rogare cœpi num hæc quæ prælo se 30 parata habere jactabat, mecum communicare vellet; Respondit se malle vendere, et ea conditione ut Antiquitatis a Montefalconio nostro explanatæ et sche-

matibus illustratæ duo primum, tum deinde decem Origenis mei exemplaria ei darem.

Conditionem etsi duram accepi, et elapsis quatuor aut quinque mensibus, cum jam has schedas desperaveram, ecce allatæ sunt ad me. Ubi eas evolvi, pene obstupui. Nullam video interpretationem Latinam, notas nullas, nullas observationes, diatribam nullam, nullos denique continuos Origenis tomos Commentariorum in Psalmos. Quid ergo? Rudem tantum in-
¹⁰ digestamque molem Græcorum ἀποσπασματίων e Catenis MSS. Anglicanis olim ab Ernesto Grabio nullo fere delectu, nullo ordine excerptorum, quæ si prælo committere voluissem, a capite ad calcem rursus erant describenda, et in aliquem ordinem revocanda,
¹⁵ rejectis insuper spuris innumeris, quæ Origenis nomen in his schedis mentiuntur.

Sed inutilis labor fuisset, quo jam me levaverat vir doctissimus et humanissimus Turnemini^{us} Jesuita, ultro mihi oblatis schedis Combefisii Dominicanⁱ
²⁰ qui olim ad Huetii usum Origeniana omnia hæc ἀποσπασμάτια longe locupletiora exscripsit e Catenis MSS. Gallicanis et Vaticanis, atque in meliorem ac prælo paratiorem ordinem redegit, adjuncta interpretatione Latina.

²⁵ Hinc plane intelligis, Vir Præstantissime, et inutiles mihi esse Ernesti Grabii schedas, et manifestam fraudem ex eo mihi factam esse, quod quæ Dñi Humphreys Prospectus prædicabat genuina Origenis commentaria, ea vilia fere sint et misera ἀποσπασμάτια e
³⁰ Catenis nullo ordine, nullo delectu eruta; quæ jactantur prælo paratissima, interpretatione Latina donata, notisque ac diatribis illustrata, ea prælo sint

imparatissima, Latinaque versione, notis ac diatribis careant.

Quæ cum ita sint, vir æquissime, ad tuum nunc iudicium provoco ut sciam an non plane me desipere oporteat si positus a Dño Humphreys conditionibus 5 stare velim. Itaque etiam atque etiam rogo ut de his omnibus certiores illum velis facere, ac monere e duobus alterum eligat, ac benigne patiatur, vel sibi a me remitti intactas Grabii schedas, (jurare queam nihil inde me in lucem editurum;) vel e conditioni- 10 bus quas fraus irritas facit, primum duo Antiquitatis a Montefalconio explanatæ, deinde omnino octo Origenis mei exemplaria decidi, ita ut duo tantum persolvere teneam nisi tu æquum putas unum aut alterum addi. Tuum, Vir æquissime, hac de re exspectabo 15 responsum; interim precor, ut hic novus annus tibi lætis auspiciis ineat, lætioribus procedat, lætissimis exeat, ac sæpius recurrat semper felicior. Vale.

Lutetiæ Parisiorum in Monasterio Sancti Germani a Pratis Kalendis Januar. Ann. 1724. 20

Montefalconius, Thuillerius, Mopinotius et alii omnes qui hic bonis litteris dant operam, plurimam tibi salutem adscribunt, tibi ac inclitæ toti familiæ tuæ felicissimum exoptant novum annum.

CCXXXIII.

CELEBERRIMO ET REVERENDO VIRO
 RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D. PETRUS BURMANNUS.

CESSAVI, fateor, humanissimis tuis literis respondere, diutius quam par est, nec adhuc fortasse
 5 moram correxissem nisi hæc ad te scribendi occasio et gratificandi nobilissimo juveni voluptas omnem torporem excussisset. Tot enim qua publicis, qua privatis curis obsideor et obruor, ut sæpe vix justis operis sufficiam. Nunc vero instantes feriæ respi-
 10 randi spem ostendunt, et rusticandi voluptates, mentemque recreandi propinquitas alacriorem faciunt.

Qui has tibi feret, nobili apud nos gente et antiqua ortus, J. E. Egmondus Vander Nyenburg, juvenis egregiæ indolis et doctrinæ non vulgaris, qui olim
 15 cum me et celeberrimos in hac Academia viros audisset, peregrinandi studio ductus, non Gallias modo et Italiam, sed totum pæne Orientem et Ægyptum peragravit, et ante hiemem post quinque annorum errores vagos domum rediit. Quia autem Britannias
 20 nondum adierat, hac anni serenitate ad vos trajicere cum fratre suo constituit. Qui cum nominis tui celebritate motus in amicitiam se tuam insinuare velle mihi ostenderet, meamque apud te alicujus ponderis fore commendationem sibi persuaderet, nolui ornatis-
 25 simi juvenis desiderio deesse, eumque tibi tradere, et rogare [non dubitavi] ut si tua opera ipsi ad Thesauros vestros literarios aditus dari posset, nihil in adjuvandis honestissimis ejus desideriis omittere velis. Ipse ex sermonibus politissimi viri ingentem quin sis

voluptatem capturus nullus dubito, et sponte in eo ornando omnem operam insumturus te confido.

Ut vero ad omnia, quæ epistola tua complectitur accurate respondeam, hodie vix vacat, neque discensus præceps Egmondi accuratæ scriptioni locum dat. 5 Ita ergo habe, me cum duobus tribusque Bibliopolis hic egisse de Lucani tui editione, sed nullum reperisse, qui, nisi certis conditionibus et forte tibi non placituris, eam suscipere velit. Neque solent nostrates admodum prolixi et liberales esse, qui ita rebus et rationibus suis student, ut nos fere, quoties libros edimus, damno augeamur. Vix enim numerus exemplarium, quæ notis et amicis donare cogimur, nobis suppeditatur: præterea prohiberi non potest ne alius excudat, nisi ab Ordinibus jus uni impetretur. Quod si tuis 15 impensis, et eo animo ut omnia in Britanniam exemplaria avehas, excudatur, ægre obtinebitur.

Grata sunt quæ ad Valerium observas, et si otium tibi sit, hanc a te operam in pluribus dari mihi pos-
tulo. Quod lib. I. 281, pro *miserantibus*, *mirantibus* 20 reponis, ideo vix probare possum, quia ad miserum Helles casum respici puto, quem miseratas magis quam miratas undas putem. Miratos sæpe deos marinos et nymphas audaciam nautarum, qui temerare æquor sustinent, a Poetis induci novi, et ad lib. I. 382, 25 adnotavi, sed hoc loco minus apte id verbum reponi credo.

Lib. II. 200, dubiam lectionem notari videbis in notis, sed *aures*, id est homines audientes fragorem, rectius *pavidas*, quam *auras* dici puto. Ita 30

Humanas motura tonitrua montes

dixit Ovid. I. Met. 55. Vid. Lucan. I. 153,

Populosque paventes

Terruit,

et *vox* magis proprie aures accidere dicitur; ut lib. eodem [Valerii Flacci] 452, et IV. 580; et *Martius clamor aures implet*, II. 388, quo quidem commutatas a librariis voces has, ut ex Heinsii ad Ovid. III. Amor. 5 I. 62, et alibi apparet, et ipse ad Ovid. XIII. Met. 406, *auras* prætuli. Hic tamen, licet non pugnarem valde, *auras* retinerem.

Lib. III. 397, *condita mente* præferrem, si certus essem, ita Poëtam scripsisse, nunc distinctione nostra 10 locum satis planum esse puto.

Nescio vero quare ultima in *Eques* lib. V. 591, produci nequeat, cum infinita exempla hujus licentiæ sint ad manum. Vide quæ ad lib. VI. 152, notantur, et ad Ovidium plura dabuntur.

15 Certe ut non facile contra scriptos codices talia obtrudi velim, ita neque, si codices exhibeant, expelli suadeam lib. VIII. 338, *nobis succedet*; ferri potest, quia *subsedit* magis insidias significet, cum aperto Marte hic Stiro spem matrimonii eripere cone- 20 tur. Tò *nobis* etiam magis favet vulgatæ lectioni. Possem tamen tibi accedere; si *subsedit* capiamus de dolis et fraude, qua Jason sibi Medeam ante conciliavit.

In Manilio quæ emendas satis placent, nisi quod 25 ego timidior esse soleam in mutandis sine auctoritate codicum, præterquam ubi nullus sensus apparet. Licet enim probem quidem et admirer λογικὰς illas emendationes, semper tamen vereri soleo, ut nostra sententia auctoris congruat: cum enim diversæ sæpe 30 sint hominum cogitationes et cogitandi modi, diversæ etiam cogitationum enuntiationes, sæpe accidere video, ut non veteres auctores a nobis emendati loquantur, sed nos ipsi: quare sæpe quidem apertio- rem in emendationibus sensum video, sed tamen nescio, an

illi ita loqui voluerint; ideoque ego, qui tam alte non volo, grammaticis plerumque contentus esse soleo emendationibus.

In Lucano, qui insanis sæpe hyperbolis, et ut Barthius in Statio vocare amat *ultraloquentiis*, furit sæpe, 5 nescio an tutum sit illum ad ordinarias loquendi formulas reducere.

Sic cum nihil codices in loco lib. I. 302, varient, *Mortes* pro variis generibus mortium, vel, saltem incommodis et periculis lethiferis, quæ milites ejus subierunt, capere licet, ut notavi plenius ad Ovid. XI. Met. 538, et ad ipsum Flaccum 332; et amare hoc verbum Lucanum ex indice docemur, ut VII. 517, *Inde cadunt mortes* id est tela letifera. *Alpes* vero non Italiam solum contingere, sed in Galliam se por- 15 rigere satis constat, et licet Poëtis, credo, montes alios, si modo alti et similes veris sint, Alpes etiam vocare, præcipue cum non longe a veris Alpibus sint remoti et quasi cohærentes. Si vero vulneribus solas hyemes sub pellibus actas jungeret ubi etiam commode 20 satis possent frigus defendere, non satisfaceret sibi Poëta semper magna et incredibilia usque ad ineptias captans. Verbum vero *actæ*, licet solis hyemibus conveniat, nihil nos morari debet, cum solenne esse Poëtis et Oratoribus duobus tribusve præcedentibus, quæ 25 diversa verba exigere videntur, uno defungi, satis jam observatum sit a viris doctis.

Alteram emendationem firmare possent aliquo modo codices plurimi; qui *pontum* exhibent, alii *pontem*, et ita *rapidum* retineri posset. Sed si ex tua emen- 30 datione Lucanus loqueretur, nihil ille præter alios, quos tamen magniloquentia vincere semper studet, diceret, et simpliciter nimis videretur loqui, si Indum *petere pontum* diceret, quod omnibus fluviis est com-

mune. Sed vastis hunc fluvium aquis, non modo circa ostia, ut sunt fere omnia flumina, ferri dicit, sed ab ipso statim fonte tantas aquas ferre jactat, ut etiam ubi Hydaspes, longe nimirum ab ostiis, ipsi
 5 miscetur, non sentiat sibi vires accedere, et ita longe alius Indus ipsi describitur, quam ut Ovidius II. Art. 343 describit omnem fluvium, qui *Nascitur exiguus, sed opes acquirit eundo*; et quæ plura obvia sunt apud Poetas. *Ferre* vero *fontem* violentiam et
 10 rapiditatem notat, licet enim sæpius *agere undas* et *aquam* fluvii dicantur, *ferre* tamen eandem vim habet, ut et formula *agere* et *ferre*, ἄγειν καὶ φέρειν satis manifestum; sic Horat. III. Od. 29, *cætera fluminis ritu feruntur*: sic *amnis fertur*, Ovid. III. Met. 79; Virg.
 15 II. 497. Sil. Ital. III. 471. Oratori commendat Quinctil. V. 15, ut *feratur, non semitis sed campis, non uti fontes angustis fistulis colliguntur sed ut latissimis amnes* etc. adde Cicer. Orat. 68, et 28, et ita centies alii, nec Poetæ soli, hoc verbo de fluviorum
 20 rapiditate utuntur; sed Livius quoque lib. IV. 33, *alios in aquam compulsos Gurgites ferunt*, et ut flumina, ita venti *ferre* dicuntur, quæ vi sua impellunt, vid. Barth. ad Stat. III. Theb. 29.

Sed nimius sum; unum oro, ut libertatem meam
 25 æqui bonique consulas, et tibi persuadeas neminem unum esse, qui majus eruditioni tuæ et ingenio pretium ponat, quique magis erudiri et corrigi cupiat. Vale, Vir celeberrime et me amare perge. Leidæ, a. d. XX. Jul. CIOIOCCXXIV.

30 P. S. Ignosces, ut facile videbis, properanti manui et litteris; effudi enim hæc potius quam composite scripsi, neque soleo huic scribendi generi multam limam adhibere.

CCXXXIV.

The Rev. J. Lawrence to Dr. R. Bentley.

Nov. 1724.

REVEREND SIR,

I HAVE made bold to order my Son to wait upon you with this; because, though I am a Stranger to you, your character makes you an encourager of⁵ learning in all its parts. I have already published something about Gardening, which the World has kindly received; and being now about to publish a new System of Vegetables, I am at a loss to come at any certainty about the famous *Silphium* of the¹⁰ ancients; that is to say, whether we have or know anything of it at this day, and in what part of the world it grows.

Mr. *Evelyn* has conjectured that our *Assa foetida* (when we have it not adulterated), is the true *Sil-*¹⁵
phium: and I am much inclined to be of his mind; because all our Books writing about drugs agree that it is the juice of the *Laser* plant, the old Latin name of *Silphium*, and the aforesaid Author thinks that the odoriferous *Benzoni* is nothing else but the ex-²⁰
tract of the leaves and stalks of the *Laserpitium*.

What I now desire to know of you, Sir, is, whether in your great reading and comprehensive learning you have met with anything either to confirm or to contradict this Notion.

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I need not say to you how full Pliny is in his description and commendation of this noble Plant,

recommending it both for the table and medicinally used; giving also rules by which the genuine might be known from the adulterated. Aristophanes more than once mentions it, and speaks of the *Βάττου*
 5 *σίλφιον* as a thing of the highest value; nay, even his comical description of the effects thereof in his *Ἰππείης* may serve to shew us something of its nature and use. Athenæus also speaks of it as one of the greatest delicacies in condiments: and all the old
 10 Physicians mention it with respect; viz. Dioscorides, Hippocrates, and Galen. From this last it is recommended by Sanctorius under the name of *Succus Cyrenaicus*, which Quinsey his commentator (ignorant of the plant) could not understand. You know Herodotus mentions a sort of Weazel, that is supposed
 15 to breed and lie under this plant; accordingly we have the figure of it in a medal of Battus at this day. I should be glad to know your sentiments, and whether it will help us to discover its nature and
 20 properties.

I have not been able to learn from whence our *Asa* comes; but as it is, it gives a noble flavour, discreetly used in sauces. I should not think it impossible, if the true *Silphium* plant could be found,
 25 but we might bring it over with care, and naturalize it with us, as we do most other the tenderest exotics, and then we might be sure to have genuine, what the ancients so highly extol. For I confess my zeal in this matter carries me to think no pains or care can
 30 be too much to compass what was always accounted superlatively excellent to a proverb. You will be so good as to pardon this freedom, and to believe that whatsoever you shall think fit to communicate to me

about this matter, shall be made use of with all Honour and Fidelity, by,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

J. LAWRENCE. 5

To DR. BENTLEY.

CCXXXV.

Dr. R. Bentley to the Rev. J. Lawrence.

REVEREND SIR,

THAT the modern *Assa*, corrupted from *Laser* *λασάριον*, is the ancient *Silphium* I have been long convinced; but our merchants import commonly the 10 worst rotten stuff, which has deservedly given it the epithet of *foetida*. I once met with a quantity so good, that I convinced Dr. Mead and other Physicians that it was genuine *Silphium*; Besides all other marks to which it answered, I appealed to that de- 15 cisive one in Pliny, *Probatio sinceri prima in Colore modice rufo* (Dioscorides *ὑπερύθρω*) *et cum frangitur candido intus*. I carried a piece to Dr Mead's, &c., and shewed them first, that the outside was pink colour, *ὑπερύθρω*, then with a knife I cut a thin slice 20 off and it was white, and that new white surface in two hours time turned pink again; and so it would do *toties quoties*. This convinced every one; for what other drug will turn colour so upon breaking or cutting? 25

The *African Silphium* was lost before Pliny's time,

and he relates the cause of it. What was in use in his time came all from Parthia or Media, and was the very same with that of Africk, and sometimes (as Strabo saith) was better than that. The reason
 5 of it is, that it was a *Manufacture*, the juice being mixed with fine meal, to give it a consistence, and to keep it from sticking like Tar or corrupting. So no wonder the *Cyrenean* generally excelled; because they had better markets to vend it in, which en-
 10 couraged them to be cleanly about it.

It doth not appear that the creature you call a Weazel fed upon the plant of *Silphium*: Herodotus's words γαλαῖ ἐν τῷ σιλφίῳ γινόμεναι do not warrant that. Herodotus (if you compare Chap. 192 with
 15 Chap. 169), calls σίλφιον not the *plant*, but the *country* where *Silphium* grew; which according to Theophrastus and Pliny was four thousand *Stadia* i. e. five hundred miles square. In that country therefore this Weazel was frequently; not that she
 20 eat the plant. Rather than suffer that, the Cyreneans would have used them as the Britons formerly did wolves. Besides, one of those Weazels was brought alive from Africk to London within this five years; and yet no account informs us, that ever
 25 *Silphium* grew in Africk since the time of Pliny.

All the *Asa* now used in Europe is brought by the *East India* Companies, and they have it in the Indies from Persia. It now grows where it always did, in the barren, desolate, mountains of Persia, called by
 30 the writers of Alexander's Expedition *Caucasus* or *Paropamisus*. This you will see in Strabo and Arrian. If you can get a book published about ten years ago by one Kempfer a German that practised

physic in all the Orient for several years, you will see a particular chapter about *Asa*. He went from Ispahan on purpose to see the country peasants fetch their harvest of *Silphium* out of those mountains. He gives you a picture of the whole plant,⁵ root, stalk, and leaves; and it agrees with the Greek account of the Cyrenean *Silphium*; except such small differences as may be allowed between a man that saw it himself, and Theophrastus and Dioscorides, &c. who never had seen it. The root is like in bulk¹⁰ to a large carrot root: they cut the top of it with a knife, hollowing it toward the centre; the next morning the ὀπός *Silphium* is oozed out like a Cream; this is scraped off and put into a pot: then they cut the root again the thickness of a crown lower, and¹⁵ the next morning fresh Cream is produced. This is repeated three or four times, and so the root is left, and perishes.

Now they gather nothing but the juice, the ὀπός: anciently they used stalks and roots, exhausted of²⁰ the ὀπός, pounded or grated, as we now do sugar or pepper. The Persians as well as Africans used this, time out of mind. You may see in Polyænus, lib. 4, that Alexander, after he had subdued Persia, found in the registers a list of the daily stated allowance²⁵ for dinner, and supper, for the Persian King's palace; amongst which are, ὀποῦ σιλφίου δύο μναί, σιλφίου τάλαντον σταθμὸν, two pounds of the juice of *Silphium*, of the dried stalks and roots above an hundred pound weight. The poor Athenians in Aristo-³⁰phanes's time seem to have had no better than *Kav-λός*, the *stalk*, which was the worst and cheapest.

Benzoni is not (as supposed) an extract of *Sil-*

phium, but from a quite different plant; as you may see in Jacobus Bontius *de Medicina Indorum*, who saw both plants. I have seen several instances where the *Asa* (when perfectly good to Pliny's proof), has
 5 done as great things in medicine as ever the ancients mention: in sauce it daily grows more into use among the Quality. I am afraid your wish of transplanting it hither will have no effect; for all accounts, old and new, declare it incapable of removing
 10 or of culture; yet, query, in *Hortus Malabaricus*, if the Dutch gardeners have cultivated it.

I am, with all respect,

Yours,

R. BENTLEY.

CCXXXVI.

15 REVERENDO ET ERUDITISSIMO VIRO
 RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. P. D. PETRUS BURMANNUS.

EN carceribus emissum Valerium Flaccum
 meum, qui multos me exercuit annos, et tandem, ut
 hac cura animum et cogitationes meas liberarem, ad
 20 alia meditanda solutam ab intentione continua in
 ejus difficillima et obscurissima loca mentem præstitit. Accipies, Vir magne, ea, qua mea semper solitus fuisti complecti, benevolentia, et cum Te præcipuum, ne dicam solum, fere esse credam, cujus in
 25 judicio de his conatibus nostris acquiescere possim,

sume, quæso, censoris honesti animum et me, sicubi erraverim, aut non satis abstrusos Poëtæ nostri sensus perspexerim, amice mone et corrige. Laudem nullam ingenii aut doctrinæ adfecto, qui sola industria et adjuvandi communia studia amore nomen 5 meum commendari cupio.

Novi seculum hoc, et perversam severiorum studiorum rationem, qua omnes a veterum scriptorum meditatione, ad nescio quas nugas, quas vernacularum linguarum studium, et præsentis, ut jactant, præ antiqui ævi ingeniorum fœtus, ne dicam abortus, quotidie produnt, abducantur. Neque ignoro quam pauci supersint, quibus hæc scripta aut placebunt aut intelligentur; sed non illis me operam hanc insumsisse facile videbis, plurisque mihi Tui unius suffragatio- 15 nem, quam indoctæ turbæ applausus, fieri, sancte adfirmare possum.

Utinam modo Tibi aut otium, aut voluntas esset, nobiscum communicandi, quæ ad illustrandos tot egregios scriptores toties es pollicitus. Ubi illa quæ ad 20 Manilium, ubi quæ ad Terentium, ubi denique quæ nuper promisisti ad Lucanum illustrandum? Quamdiu desiderio isto, quod ferre non possumus, eruditos torquebis? Sed, quamdiu nos Sacri Codicis, a te emendati et illustrati, diuturna sitis enecabit? Seda, 25 quæso, et exple illam, et ostende plebeis illis magistris, qui tam illotis et impuris manibus Divina illa Oracula tractant, quantis doctrinæ et ingenii copiis instructi esse debeant, qui se Divinæ Disciplinæ antistites profiteri volunt. 30

Plura non addo, nisi me cum maxime laborare, ut tandem Ovidius, qui per sex jam annos operas exer-

cuit, et cui præter indices, quos operosiores librarii aliis faciendos locaverunt, nihil fere deest, me omni cura solutum, ad alia curanda dimittat. Vale, literarum et meum decus, et me ama. Leidæ.

CCXXXVII.

Thomas Bentley to Richard Bentley.

5 HONoured SIR,

MONSIEUR L'Abbé Sallier, keeper of the King's Library here, has a Learned Acquaintance, his name Adam, who has been several years about an Edition of Athenæus. He having tried most of
 10 the Libraries of France and Italy, to find a MS. of his Author, and not found *one*, desired to know if there were any in England. I writ to Mr. Casley and he tells me there are two in our King's Library. Upon which I desired Adam to give me some of his
 15 difficulties to try the MSS. by, and also to add some places where he thought he had restored the text. This I knew to be your way. I have now received from him a long Letter in French, the principal parts of which I am going to transcribe.

20 After a very handsome preface he comes to say that he thinks he has done a great deal towards making the following very corrupt Epigram intelligible.

Epigram of Posidippus, p. 414 of Commelin's Edit. 1597.

Φυλόμαχον τὸν πάντα φαγεῖν βόρον, οἷα κορώνην
 Παννυχικὴν αὕτη ῥωγὰς ἔχει κάπετος.
 Χλαίνης ἐν τρύχει Πελληνίδος· ἀλλὰ σὺ τούτου 5
 Καὶ Χρεΐα εἰς τήνην Ἀττικὴ καὶ στεφάνου
 Εἵποντες οἱ προκύων συνεκώμασε, ἦλθε δ' ἄμαυρὰ
 Βλέψας ἐκ πελίων νωδὸς ἐπισκυνίων
 Οτριχι διαφθείρας μονολήκυθος, ἐκ γὰρ ἀγώνων
 Τῶν τότε ληναϊκὴν ἦλθ' ὑπὸ Καλλιόπην. 10

Casaubon says here, *Epigramma corruptissimum, impurissimarum Harpyiarum reliquiæ*. He says nothing upon the third and 4th verses, which he looks upon as desperate. He would have the fifth to signify, *cum efferretur, canis solus comitatus est exequias*, and the two following, *venit in Orcum miser Athleta, oculis suggillatis, dentibus auribusque fractis*, reading ὦτα διαφθείρας instead of Οτριχι &c., and he reads the last verse thus:—

Τῶν τότε Ληναϊκῶν ἦλθ' ὑπὸ τὰν κάπετον. 20

He thinks the Epig. is upon an *Athleta*. Now for my part, says he, I would read the whole thus:—

Φυλλόμαχον τὸν πάντα φαγεῖν βόρον, οἷα κορώνην
 Παννυχικὴν αὕτη ῥωγὰς ἔχει κάπετος.
 Χλαίνης ἐν τρύχει Πελληνίδος· ἀλλὰ σὺν αὐτῷ 25
 Καὶ Χρεΐα ἐς τέχνην, Ἀττικὴ καὶ στεφάνους.
 Ἔσποντ' οἱ πρότερον συνεκώμασαν· ἦλθε δ' ἄμαυρὰ
 Βλέψας ἐκ πολιῶν νωδὸς ἐπισκυνίων
 Ἀτριξ Διφθερίας μονολήκυθος, ἐκ γὰρ ἀγώνων
 Τῶν τότε Ληναϊκῆς ἦλθ' ὑπὸ Καλλιόπης. 30

Traduction Latine libre:—

Phyllomachum voracem hominem instar cornicis, quæ

*tota nocte cadaveribus pascitur, hæc fossa, immo rima
 continet. Ei pro sindone est chlænæ Pellenicæ pars la-
 cera; sed cum illo, Attice, jacet hic, quicquid et ad
 artem et coronas usui fuit. Exequias iverunt qui cum
 5 eo commessabantur; venit et torva tuens, et edentulus,
 et albo supercilio, Calvus Diptherias, nil præter olei
 lecythum possidens, nam a Musa Calliope, Lenæorum
 præside, ex iis ludis, qui tunc agebantur, ejectus erat.*

I chuse now to go on in Adam's own words.

10 Il ne s'agit point ici d'un Athlète, comme l'a pre-
 tendu Casaubon, mais d'un poete Tragique. Le mot
Ἀναϊκῆς in the text est la clef de cette Epigramme.
 Les Jeux Lenéens se celebroident à Athenes en l'hon-
 neur de Bacchus, au sortir des vendanges; il n'y
 15 étoit question ni d'Athlètes ni des Pancratiastes, les
 combatans étoient Poètes tragiques. On y repré-
 sentoit quatre pièces: la dernière étoit une pièce
 satyrique, celui qui avoit fait le plus rire les Specta-
 teurs étoit le Vainqueur. Les Poètes jouoient leur
 20 pièces dans un chariot, ἐξ ἀμάξης, et ils buvoient
 tant qu'ils s'en retournoient toujours yvres. Notre
 Phyllomaque étoit donc un poète tragique goinfré et
 yvrogne, et qui combattoit volontiers aux jeux Le-
 néens. *Le Diptherias* que j'ay mis au lieu de *διαφθεί-*
 25 *pas* étoit une personnage du Théâtre, vid. Pollux,
 lib. 4, cap. 19, art. 3, qui devoit être très-vieux, et
 n'avoir point de cheveux sur le front, c'est ce qui m'a
 fait lire au 6th verse, *πολιῶν in the room of πελίων*,
 et au 7th, *Ατριξ* au lieu d'*Οτριχι* dans tout le reste
 30 je n'ay presque rien changé. (*Ατριξ* or *ἄτριχος* for
capillis carens?)

Toutes les parties s'arrangent si bien dans cette

correction, et je me suis si peu éloigné des vestiges de mon texte, que je crois avoir rencontré juste. Mais je serois bien plus content encore, si quelque manuscrit appuioit ma conjecture. Je supplie les Savans d'Angleterre de vouloir bien jeter les yeux 5 sur cet endroit de leur MSS., et de voir s'ils n'y trouveront rien de ce que je demande.

Vers de Nicandre tirez du liv. 9, pag. 395 :—

Καί τε σύ γε θρέψαιο δρακοντιάδας διτοκεντάς
 Η Σικελὰς μεγάροιο Πελειάδας, οὐδὲ † φιναρσα 10
 Οὐδὲ φινοςτράκεοι νομήσιμοι ἐξενίπτονται.

Traduction de Dalechamp :—

*Ale domi dracontio tritico geminos parientes Siculas
 Peleiadās, quandoquide millæ sublimi volatu cibi quæ-
 rendi gratia non evagantur.* 15

Je voudrois bien savoir comment Dalechamp a lu pour traduire ainsi; et pourquoi Casaubon, qui le censure ordinairement avec trop d'aigreur, ne lui dit rien ici. Voici une correction que je propose à ces Messieurs, et que je soumets volontiers à leur jugement : 20

Κ' εἴτε συ γε θρέψαιο δρακοντιάδας διτοκεύτας
 'Η ' κ Σικελὰς μεγάροιο Πελειάδας, οὐδὲ φιν ἔρσα
 Οὐδὲ φιν ὥς ῥὰ κύουσιν, νομ' αἴσιμος ἐξενιτροῦτο, vel, ἐκνιτρῶται.

Pour entendre cecy il faut se souvenir qu'il y avoit en Sicile, dans le temple de Venus Ericyne, une quan- 25 tité prodigieuse de pigeons, qui passoient dans un certain temps sur la côte d'Afrique, et révenoient au bout de neuf jours au temple de la Déesse. On célébroit pour leur départ une fête qu'on appelloit *anagogia*, et pour leur retour un autre qu'ils nommoient *cata- 30 gogia*. Ils disoient que c'étoit Venus qui faisoit ce

petit voiage, et qui menoit ses pigeons avec elle. Il faut savoir, en second lieu, qu'Aristôte pretend que les pigeons soufflent du salpêtre dans le bec de leurs petits des qu'ils sont éclos. Le passage d'Aristôte est
 5 cité par Athenée. Nicandre parle donc icy comme Aristôte, et voici ce que je lui fais dire.

Soit que vous nourrissiez des pigeons de l'isle Drac-
 contium, (Ptolemée la met sur la côte d'Afrique), ou
 de ceux du temple de Venus Ericyne, que leur eau
 10 et leur nourriture ordinaire ne soit jamais sans ni-
 tre, lorsque leur petits sont prêts a éclôre. Φὶν ἔρσα
 approche beaucoup de φιναρσα, et φὶν ὥς ῥὰ κύουσι
 de φινοστρακεοι, et ἐκνιτρῶται n'est pas extremement
 éloigné d'ἐξενιπτονται, et l'on pourroit même mettre
 15 ἐκνιτρῶνται, en le faisant rapporter à ἔρσα, et à νομ' αἰ-
 σιμος, et le mot approcheroit encore plus d'ἐξενί-
 πτονται.

I omit here some part of his Letter, which has
 not much in it, and come to another attempt of his.

20 Je ne mettrai plus qu'un exemple qui se trouve au
 lib. 9, sur la fin, pag. 410, where Athenæus says that
 χειρόμακτρον est un ornement de tête, et il cite ce
 passage *taken from the 5th book of the Odes of
 Sappho* :—

25 Χειρόμακτρα δὲ καγγόνων πορφυρά, καὶ ταῦτα μὲν ἀτιμάσεις
 Ἐπεμψα πυφωκείας δῶρα τίμια.

C'est Sappho qui fait une offrande à Venus, mais ce
 texte est bien corrompu. Voici comment Casaubon
 le retablit :—

30 Χειρόμακτρα δὲ πλαγγόνων πορφυρά καὶ ταῦτα μάλα
 τιμάεντα γ' ἔπεμψα Σαπφῶ θεᾷ δῶρα τίμια.

Il y a du sens à cette correction, mais μάλα τιμάεντα au lieu de μεν ἀτιμάσεις s'éloigne beaucoup des vestiges du texte.

Besides τιμάεντα and τίμια together won't do.

[*The sequel is not preserved.*]

CCXXXVIII.

Thomas Bentley to Richard Bentley.

Nov. 16, 1725. 5

HONOURED SIR,

I FANCY you have sometimes, as often as I have been in your thoughts, accused me of idleness and want of zeal and respect, because I have not writ to you before now. But I entreat you to believe me when I tell you that I always resolved to write as soon as I arrived at Rome; and behold thither I am got at last, after a journey long and fatiguing, but indeed full of new and surprising pleasures. I intended to have given you in my first Letter some account of my journey from Paris to Rome, but I'll do that the next time I write, in a sheet by itself, and at present only tell you that I was so pleased with the sight of the Bembus Terence, that I resolved to collate a piece of it by way of curiosity. Baron Stock gave me Faërnus's, if that published by Victorius, at Florence, is the right one. 'Tis pity he did not live to publish it himself. I began at the

4th act of Phormio, because there it is fairest, and have collated to the end of the Play. I have found some things that are neither in the text nor notes of Faërnus, which ought to have been mentioned.

5 The MS. has “*meam neclegentiam ipsa cum;*” which Faërnus neglected, because he thought it an error of the writer; but ’tis right, I think, “*ætas ipsa non m. ætas v. meam n. ipsa:*” and the verse is better. MS. “*quid illi tamdiu—sed venisse;*” and ’tis
 10 always *sed*, except once or twice, and therefore I wonder Faërnus would alter it: “*audisti Chreme.*” P.294, v.9, “*scio esse et istæc*”—Cod. *θ. ita.* Act. 4, 2, “*sunt dati, θ mihi—unde a primo instussi;*” 3 letters missed, or 2 for *institi*. Sc. 3, “*venire salvom,*
 15 *ut abi abs te.*” The MS. has “*siqui istanc*” for “*is qui istam;*” *componamus* very clear, but it has *vos*; if there was “*nos—inter nos componamus,*” it would please me better: it would be more comic, and more assuming in Geta. “*Amici omnes,*” without “*modo,*
 20 *non capis ejus res,*” as Faërnus has put it in the note: “*hæc hinc facessat &c. deest hic vers. in MS. nam satis scio, cod. quantum licuit;*” and I would put it thus: “*quid postulat? quid? nimium quantum: licuit—nempe, ero desistere litibus,*” or something like
 25 that, “*si quis daret*” &c. Then the MS. has “*si quis ei daret, malum hercle, nihil pudet θ. ut. parvi rettulit, inventast,*” and above, “*pænas, eia—adferret ut dissolverem Quæ debeo, et jam nunc, vel, etiam θ. et; facere hunc θ. ego; ager oppositus pignori est ob*
 30 *decem minas age.*” MS. del. *inquit.* “*Supellectile opus est sumptum ad nuptias;*” sic cod. *scribito mihi θ. jam; tu modo filium fac ut—filium* is the right.

“ Si illam dant hanc *ut tamne*,” 3 letters *mit* out.
 “ *Argentum nunc mecum attuli.*” Act. 4, 4, “ *satine est θ. id. res redit planissime—hoc volnus tangere*,” very plain: “ *argentum repetet.*” The MS. has “ *tandem apparandas nuptias;*” that’s right, for, “ *ad pa- 5 randas nuptias;*” or, if the verse will do, “ *ad apparandas; Harispex—negotii incipere.*” Such words as “ *supplicii, negotii,*” &c., are always, almost always, with a double ii; and “ *apparare, comparare, optime, planissime.*” Sc. 5, “ *Ut cautust ubi—Atqui 10 ita opus factost et matura—voluntate hæc fieri, magis convenit.*”

Act. 5, Sc. 1, “ *dum hæc quæ loquitur—verum istuc de nomine vivontne—virginem nuptum locavi—duasne uxores θ. is. et ut volebam conlocatam amari:*” 15 there’s something under that *amari*. Here the MS. has *conlocatam*; *di vestram et opere maximo—sua cura sola fecit,*” without *hæc*; quid si sic interpung. *sine nostra cura, maxima sua cura?* Then *sola* has had both a penknife and a pen: it seems to have 20 been originally “ *solas fecit,*” or, I don’t know what; *nemo e me scibit.* Scen. 2, “ *malis expediat,*” certainly a pr. manu; corruptit recentior manus. Perhaps Politian, or Bembus himself, or Faërnus: there are the names of several that have had it. Some 25 modern has spoilt it in 200 places, I believe; but ’tis generally with a pen, and cleverly enough done, so that I can read the old. He has generally, I think *always*, altered it wrong: “ *nonne id satis erat —præmiumst—haud scio—an mutet.*” *Animum* be- 30 gins the next verse: “ *ne in præsentī—binan quæso*” —cod. sic habet, “ *virum me natvellem,*” no more, and

'tis very plain, without a blot; and yet Faërnus says, liber Bembinus *natum*; which I wonder much at. Sure 'tis the same MS. that he had; but he would have revised if he had lived to publish the book
 5 himself. I wonder, too, that he likes *natum* better: "ecquid locutus cum *istac* es. Ut *proprior* illi—actu *nemost* *θ. homo*, *opperuit* ostium, quo pacto *potuit* *θ. id.* ne *fili* quidem nostri."

Act. 5, 4. "Ejusmodi *in animo* *pare* cupid"—*pare*
 10 cod. perhaps for *parere*. "Me *capere* *suadeat*." 'Tis much better: 'tis very plain *suadeat*. Sc. 5, "*Propria* ut P. *poteretur*, *conficienda*—*senibus* *unium*," one s; "vide qui *egreditur*." Scen. 6, "*hic* quid *hic* narret," as Faërnus says, "novomest *revocare* *cursum*
 15 *quo* instit." This he ought to have mentioned too. The MS. has *pergit* very plain, with an s over the t by a late hand, I believe by Faërnus himself, who thought *pergis* right. I think the contrary; 'tis to himself still. The MS., "*nisi* *restitis*." The MS.,

20 *Familiarriorem* o. e. h. *mitatur* malum *set* is ne est.
 Quem quæro annon *ipsus* est *congregiare* actutum quid est.

I give you the MS. to a letter: "*set* is ne est" is in the first line: "*sed* quid istuc credam—satine est si te *delibutum*—Pone *reprehendit*—ait *sesevetitum* *θ. hem*, after "*uxori* tuæ, *sed* *men* censen—atque ego
 25 quoque *inaudivi* *illam* *fabulam* *θ. hercle*."

But here I must leave off, for 'tis post day, and very near the time. 'Tis but every Thursday, and I would not stay another week. I'll write to you again
 30 next Thursday.

All the news here is, that the Princess Sob^{ky} went

into a nunnery three or 4 nights ago : some say upon a quarrel about the Lady Inverness, who lives in the family with them ; others, that he has put a Protestant tutor to his son, and that she can't bear that. 5

There's no writing anything, for they open Letters both at Rome, and at London. I have seen him ; He has not εἶδος ἄξιον τυραννίδος. Baron Stosch has given a long account of that and another thing that the Pope and Inquisition are employed about at present. 10 The Baron is very civil to me, I have dined with him often. He loves to talk of you and is very grateful for all your kindness. He says he'll come into England soon. He could like of all things in the world to retire to Cambridge, and study ; and 15 should be happy, he says, if he was but Professor of Modern History. He has made prodigious collections indeed, and would do fine things in that way.

I thought I could have filled this Page with news, 20 but I have no more, so I'll tell you that I was yesterday with a gentleman at the Vatican, and as they shew the Terence to all comers, I took it and read the first scene of Eunuchus. I observed 4 or 5 things missed by Faërnus, or rather despised, that I 25 own please me. The MS. has very clearly, "non nisi me obsecret." Now to say this is right, is like placing the *nitedula* in Hor., or correcting the Magnif. ; but if one reads the whole scene with this view, and considers the *infecta pace* and the *quas ipse amor moles-* 30 *tias*, they may see that to quit her entirely is the farthest in the world from his thoughts, or from the

hopes of Parmeno ; only to have courage and resolution enough to hold out till he has humbled her, and made her submit and beg pardon. The MS. has “*eam consilio regere non potest* :” this is right, and makes it a general thing ; *potest* deceived them all ; because it stands here for *pote est*. ’*Tis impossible*. No more now.

Please to remember my love and Duty to all Friends and Superiors.

10 I am always faithfully, Yours,

T. B^y.

I fancy the Terence is published by this time. I fear I shant get it here. A Letter from you would be an honour and pleasure to me.

15 Direct to me in French,

A' Monsieur

Monsieur Thomas Bentley,

à Rome.

For DR. BENTLEY,

20 at TRINITY COLLEGE,

CAMBRIDGE.

Inghilterra.

CCXXXIX.

Thomas Bentley to Richard Bentley.

HONOURED SIR,

WITHOUT doubting whether or no You received my other Letter, I go on to finish those Var. Lect. of the Cod. Bemb. I am really of opinion that 'tis as old as J. Cæsar or Augustus, or Tiberius at least; and I have got that notion from many marks, particularly the way of writing and spelling I have observed in the Inscriptions I have read up and down of that age. This book has the same. But when you come down to Vespasian and Septim. Severus¹⁰ and Constantine, they are very different. But this I just mention by the by now, and can be more large another time. The Letters of the MS. are so finely drawn, that there's no possibility of reading it wrong, but where that knave and blockhead has altered it.¹⁵ 'Tis upon a very thick parchment, and yet 'tis quite worn away in many places, and turned black in others. I believe it may be proved that 'tis an older and better MS. than Donatus made use of. Faërnus has been prodigiously negligent, and left perhaps²⁰ 1000 places untouched, the major part of which are right. But he ought to have given every variation, right or wrong.

There's another Terence which they shew to every body, above a 1000 years old, with all the Personæ²⁵ of every scene comically painted, beautifully written in a very large Quarto. 'Tis all prose and differs from Bemb. every six words; but 'tis all trumpery,

and would alone furnish the 10,000 Var. Lect. you speak of in Phil^{us}.

Act. 5, Sc. 6, p. 310, the MS. has “cum patre idem *inde* recipit—ejus *adhibendæ heus* Phormio vale
 5 not, *omi.* bene ita me di ament *factum gaudeo.*” Act. 5, Sc. 7, “Ne *quoiquam* suorum—*capiendus.*” Sc. 8, “*idque adeo venio ad vos nuntiatum;*” this is right, and a better verse: and this, “Postquam *id* tantopere *vol velle*—*vol* for *vos*—*eam nunc* extrudi.” Here
 10 Faërnus is right, but ’twas wrong to leave *viduam* in the text, when his guide had nothing of it: “*hæc adeo illi jam denarrabo—θ. ego. ludificabamini—esse elatum.*” Faërnus says the Bemb. has *esse delatum*; it has not, upon my word. But I can see plainly he
 15 had not the MS. by him when he writ the Notes. They are full of faults. *Libitum* and *lacrimis*; and so all the Inscriptions of the first Imperatores have; and “Pontifex *Maximus*,” and “*corruptus, collapsus;*” so the MS. always has “*di deæque omnis—hinc aspor-*
 20 *tarier. Ut quid agam illo θ. cum. enim neq. osolus accurrere.*” Just so the MS.

Sc. 9, “Mi vir Y *hem* quid nunc.”

Quid ego obsecro *huic.*

Credam,

25 sic cod.

Pro di *immortalis facinus miserandum* et malum.

He should not have left *indignum* in the text. The Poet would not put *facinus indignum*, because there comes in the next line “*factum indignius*, qui mihi
 30 ad uxores” *θ. ubi.* This I think is a manifest fault: ’tis very seldom he’s caught. “Nam cum hoc *ip-*
so:” the modern has put *me* over the *nam*, and drawn his pen through *ipso*; both wrong: he should

have put it, as the MS. has, “*ea quæ nostras minuit fructus vilitas—culpam meritum—ea morte obiit de medio abiit—ætatem porro is ætatem,*” against the verse; if not, I like it, and would read “*peccaturam nunc magis quam tunc expetendast*”—*quam tunc* 5
obelo confix: recent. man. faxo tali sit mactatus gratiam supplicii, θ. jam, ogganiat simp. n. meriton hoc meo; verum jam quando accusando ab illoc abstuli. Et præter spem tu tuum nomen dic quid est mihi Phormio:” all in a verse. Ecastor posthac quod potero 10
quod voles θ. tibi, and et, and read quod for quæ; at the end, “faxo aderit. Ω Vos valete et plaudite.”

Terenti Phormio Finitus.

During my stay at Paris, Sir, I waited upon Mr. L'Abbé Bignon, who was very civil to me, and offered to do me any service. Mr. Boivin was very kind also, and gave me all the Books I asked for, and a room to sit in. I was often with Père Montfaucon, who is free, and goodnatured, and communicative, and did more for me than I expected or asked, chiefly for your sake. I saw also Banduri and Father Harduin, and many other learned and famous Men.

I fell into too much acquaintance after I began to talk the language a little, and did not do much in the way of study. The chief was Plutarch; I had promised Mr. Bryan to see what MSS. there were of that Author. I found admirable ones that surprised me. I collated one that has only pieces of about 7 or 8 lives quite through, far better than any Xylander 30
 or H. Stephens had. From that, and two more that have all the Lives and two of the Morals, very old in-

deed, I would undertake to correct Stephens's Plutarch in 20 thousand places.

I'll give you 20 or 30 out of Cæsar's life, because I know you'll expect a proof, after such an affirmation.

Plut. Steph. Ed. p. 1298, διέποντα τὴν Ἀσίαν Ιού-
νιον· leg. Ιουγκον, for *Junius*, or *Juvenius*, which is
the right name: 'tis so in Velleius Paterculus. The
Chronol. dispute about him: I think Dodwell or
10 Noris, in the Cenotaph. Pisan.

P. 1302, for ἐπήρθησαν, read ἐπερρώσθησαν. 5
or 6 more in this page, that are right.

P. 1306, συγκεχυμένας τοῖς πράγμασι τὰς γνώμας
ἀποδιδόντων· this is downright nonsense: leg. τοῖς
15 γραμμασι. The MS. has also ἀποδόντων.

P. 1308, leg. ὑποδύεται πολιτεύματι π. α: ἐξαπατή-
σαντι.

At pag. 1311 my MS. fails me: it wants about 2
leaves. I took one that I thought the best, with all
20 the lives, and collated that where the other wants: I
found it full as good, written peritissima manu, and
not a letter nor an accent wrong.

P. 1311, deficit vetus cod. at ἀντιταχθέντων· the
other has κατὰ τοῦ προσώπου πατάξας ἀπέκτεινεν.
25 Here ἀπέστρεψεν is wrong, 8 lines above 'tis right.

Ib. εἰς τέλματα ῥευματώδη. I miss 5 or 6 in
almost every page. And

In pag. 1312, I miss 10 that are all right, to give
you three new words: καὶ τῷ θυραυλεῖν ἐνδελεχῶς
30 καὶ τάλαιπωρεῖν ἀπομαχόμενος τῷ πάθει.

P. 1328, leg. εἷξας καὶ συνεκρουσθεῖς [συνεέκρου-
σθεῖς?] τῇ πάντων φορᾷ ψηφίζεται.

P. 1334, for περισπασθεῖς καὶ ἀνιαθεῖς, I give

you two fine metaphorical words, and like Plutarch :
 ῥιπτασθεῖς καὶ ἀδημονήσας—καὶ τειχομαχοῦντες
 θ καὶ, and read τειχοφυλακοῦντες.

P. 1335, for Πομπηΐου μοναρχίαν, leg. φιλαρ-
 χίαν. 5

P. 1336, for ἐπὶ σκότους, read ἐπισκοτούσης.

P. 1337, for μετὰ δρόμου καὶ φοβεράν, read καὶ
 φορᾶς.

P. 1339, for πεζῶν τῶν ἀλόντων, read ζώντων
 ἀλόντων. 10

P. 1345, about Juba : leg. ἐκ βαρβάρου καὶ Νο-
 μάδος and also read, ἐναρίθμιος. A pretty piece of
 history about *Juba* : all Juba's works are lost !

P. 1348, ἐκπεριελθόντι τόπον, leg. τὸν πόντον.

P. 1349, τεταγμέναις, leg. τεταραγμέναις. Now 15
 here comes a fine reading about the Julian Period :
 ἐκ τῶν ὑποκειμένων ἥδη μεθόδων ἔδειξεν ἰδίαν &c.,
 leg. ἔμιξεν.

P. 1352, Ἀναμένει τοῦτο τὸ σῶμα Βρούτος. This
 I don't understand ; but σῶμα, I suppose, is right, 20
 because of that before, ἀλλὰ τοῦ σώματος τῇ χειρὶ
 θιγών· σέλα οὐράνια καὶ κτύπους. So the next page,
 διαταραχθεὶς ἅμα τῷ κτύπῳ καὶ τῷ φωτὶ, καὶ λαμπού-
 σης—cod. καταλαμπούσης· right, undoubtedly.

P. 1356, τοιαύτης δὲ τῆς ἀρχῆς—ταραχῆς. Last 25
 line, leg. συνεπιρρώσαντος.

I did some little things besides, that I shall tell
 you of in another Letter. I intended to give you a
 short history of my journey from Paris to Rome, but
 have almost filled two sheets before I begin. 30

I have very little worth writing before I come to
 Lyons, for we [travelled] 4 days and a half from
 Paris thither, and 'tis 300 miles. The coach, called

the *Diligence*, holds 8 persons; they change horses 5 times a-day, and have always 8, sometimes ten, and twice or thrice 12. We passed quite through Burgundy, a very fine country: ridges of hills, covered
 5 with vines, make a charming prospect. You'll wonder when I tell you that I met with very little good wine, even in Burgundy. There are no good towns all the way: Auxerres and Macon are the best. The country people are poor and miserable. I staid
 10 at Lyons a fortnight: 'tis a most delightful place. I met with many things that pleased and entertained me hugely. I shall be pretty long about 'em: they'll take up my next Letter, with a word or two about the Alpes.

15 There's very little news here. The Pr^s Lady is still in the nunnery. He is generally blamed: they tell me the Pope has refused him audience 3 times. There is lately discovered in the Monte Palatino, where they found the Bath of Augustus 2 years ago,
 20 some rooms full of ancient painting and statues. I have not yet seen them: there's no stirring out: it rains perpetually; so it did all the while I was at Paris. Yet 'tis not cold here yet: I have no fires. The

25 tepidasque præbet

Jupiter Brumas

is true.

Love and service to all friends.

From your humble Servant and dutiful Nephew,

T. B^y.

30 For DR. BENTLEY,

at TRINITY COLLEGE,

CAMBRIDGE.

Inghilterra.

CCXL.

*Thomas Bentley to Richard Bentley.**Wed., Dec. 18, 1725.*

HONOURED SIR,

THE first thing I did after I got to Lyons was to visit Mr. Pistalocchi, a learned Physician, to whom I had Letters from Paris. He has a fine Li-⁵brary, and a very large collection of all sorts of natural Curiosities, and a great many venerable Remnants of Antiquity. He took a great deal of Pains to shew me them all, and made his company very edifying and agreeable to me. There's a sort of ¹⁰complaisance and smoothness in the French, which, though they mean nothing by it, a stranger is pleased with, and finds his account in it.

It was not long before I went to see their Hotel de Ville, where there is a large table of brass fixed ¹⁵in the wall, about a yard and half square, containing an harangue of Claudius, the Emperor, in favour of the Lyonnois when they petitioned to be made a Roman Colony. He having been born at Lyons, exerted himself mightily in their favour, and obtained ²⁰it of the Senate. That harangue was sent to Lyons at the people's request, and engraved upon this plate, which was found some years ago, and set up as one of the most beautiful Monuments of Antiquity now in the world. I took a very exact copy of it, which ²⁵I won't give you now, because 'tis long, and would fill my Letter. The way of writing at that time is plainly seen: there are several odd expressions not

to be found in the best Roman Authors, which are peculiar, perhaps, to Claudius himself.

In the whole 'tis but a silly speech, and one would swear that 'tis the Emperor's own composition, and very words. In some other Letter I will transcribe it: *Si denique posces.*

I was glad to hear that there were still some remains of the temple or ara of Augustus which Juvenal mentions,

10 Aut *Lugdunensem* Rhetor dicturus ad aram;

but I found nothing but the two large and very fine granite pillars, that belonged to it, and some Mosaic Pavement, &c. The Pillars are now sawn into four, and serve to support the Quire of a Church.

15 There are Medals of Augustus and Tiberius with *Romæ et Augusto*, and the frontispiece of this Altar upon the reverse. Suetonius says that Augustus would not accept of the Dedication unless Rome was joined with him, "Nisi suo et Romæ communi Nomine."

20 The Learned of Lyons seem to have proved very clearly that Hannibal's passage was here at the Confluent of the Rhone and the Soane, when he came from Carthago Nova; and bring their proofs from Polybius, and Livy, and Plutarch. Livy says, "Quartis castris ad *Insulam* pervenit, ubi Arar et Rhodanus amnes diversis ex Alpibus decurrentes confluunt in unum." I shewed them this description in Seneca's Trag.

30 Vidi duobus imminens fluviis jugum,
Quod Phœbus ortu semper obverso videt,
Ubi Rhodanus ingens amne prærapido fluit
Ararque dubitans quo suos cursus agat
Tacitus quietis alluit ripas vadis.

It is indeed the most charming situation in the world.

There's a good deal to be seen yet of Agrippa's ways, and Marc Antony's Aqueduct, and several vestigia of Cæsar and his Army. Of the Aquæduct there are near the town about 6 or 7 Arches remaining; about 4 miles off, 30 or 40; and 6 or 7 miles 5 off, 50 or 60. I went to see them all. It seems to have been about 10 miles long. In one place, where it crosses a valley, 'tis as high as our Library: it was a most stupendous work; but what could such an army not do? The reservoir of it is now under 10 ground in the vineyard of a Nunnery. I had the curiosity to beg leave of the Religieuses to see it, which they readily granted.

There are also many marks of that fire of Lyons in Nero's time, of which Seneca says, *una nox inter- 15 fuit inter urbem maximam et nullam.*

The old Amphitheatre (or rather Theatre, for 'tis but a semicircle,) I pass over, because I have seen Vespasian's here, which is very surprising, and in all respects much more worth one's notice; though here 20 one sees the arena and orchestra, and the places for the beasts, and the stairs up to the Galleries. Suetonius says that Caligula did *edere peregre spectacula*, at Syracuse in Sicily *hasticos* [astycos?] *ludos*, et in Gallia Lugduni *Mycellos* [miscellos?]. There's 25 a deal of what they call *Pavé à la Mosaïque*, the *pavimenta vermiculata*, or *Lithostrota*. Suetonius says that J. Cæsar did in *expeditionibus tessellata et sectilia pavimenta circumferre*.

A thousand things more curious and worth seeing, 30 which I won't trouble you with. Such sights give vast pleasure, when one is studious and eager: reading them is not so pleasant. However, I can't forbear giving you the famous Taurobole, which was

found in a gentleman's garden not long since. 'Tis
a large square stone, or Roman Altar, about 5 foot
high, and two foot about. The Inscription mentions
a Taurobolium made by the Lyonnois for Antoninus
5 Pius. I'll give you it to a Tittle:—

TAUROBOLIO.

Matris D. M. ID.

Quod factum est ex

Imperio Matris D.

Deum

Pro salute Imperatoris

Cæs. T. Æli.

Hadriani Antonini Aug.

PII P. P.

Liberorumque ejus

Et Status Coloniae

Lugdun.

L. Æmilius Carpus IIIII

Vir. Aug. item

Dendrophorus

Vires excepit et a

Vaticano transtulit

Ara. et Bucranium

Suo impendio consacravit

Sacerdote

Q. Sammio Secundo ab

XV. Viris

Occabo et Corona exornato

Cui santissimus ordo

Lugdunens.

Perpetuitatem Sacer-

doti decrevit

App. Annio Atilio

Bradua T. Clod.

Vibio Varo Cos.

L. D. D. D.

Cujus Mesonyctium

factum est V. ID.

Dec.

One gentleman has already writ a dissertation upon it, and another is preparing another. I find they don't well know what to make of the *vires exceptit*.

After I had been about a fortnight at Lyons, I set 5 out for Turin, which is a journey of seven days. I hired a chaise, with a couple of very tame staid mules, used to the mountains, one of which was ridden by the owner. There's not so much danger as people had represented to me; for though one is 10 often within a yard of falling a mile, where no man ever was or ever will be alive, yet there's no cause to fear, unless your guide is drunk, or your beasts vicious.

The only place worth mentioning in the way is 15 Chambery, the Metropolis of Savoye. I was near Geneva, but winter came on, and I durst not go. Savoye and Piedmont have nothing but horror and amazement. I was four days and a half amongst the Alpes, always mounting or descending. The tops 20 of the hills covered with everlasting snow, and perfect winter; at the bottom, summer and heat, and making hay:—

Nix humeros infusa tegit, tum flumina mento
Præcipitant senis, et glacie riget horrida barba

25

of the famous Mount Cenis, in passing of which I was above 8 hours. They took my chaise in pieces, and put it upon the backs of 4 mules, and me upon the back of another. So I got up; but was carried down betwixt two men, in a chair of an odd fashion 30 for that purpose. I intended to have been long in describing this journey, and to have communicated to you some observations I have made about the

Alpes; but perhaps there would be nothing new to you, and description is lame, and they are fittest for Conversation. So, in short, I arrived safe at Turin, a most beautiful city, and a country very different
 5 from Savoye and Piedmont. I staid at Turin three or 4 days. From Turin to Milan, Bologna, Rimini, all along the Adriatic to Loretto, Rome; but I intend to make a Letter, or two or 3, from Turin to Rome; and then for Rome there will be no end.
 10 The Vat. has glorious MSS. of the Gr. and Latin Authors, untouched, and better than the Dutch Editors have had: they none of them come hither. If you design anything whilst I am here, I can help you gloriously. Then, for Medals, Inscriptions, In-
 15 taglios, Cameos, Theatres, Sepulchres, Baths, Aqueducts, Temples, Statues, Pillars of all sorts and sizes, Obelisks, Pyramids, old Tables, Vases, Urns, Lamps, &c., there's innumerable: 'tis the study here.

Nobody knows Greek; not many, Latin.

20 I have scarce left room for a word or two about my own little affairs. I find that I shall want money in 5 or 6 weeks' time, and it will be so long before I can have any. I write to nobody but you, Sir, and must beg of you to speak to the Bursar for me.
 25 I call upon him soon, but I can't help it: I shall have no money from Yorkshire till towards Midsummer. I beg you'd prevail with him to advance all the year together. Then Dr. Baker will pay him for the room; and I hope you'll be instrumental in get-
 30 ting me what Dr. Ashenhurst owes me: I have never had a farthing yet. If he would give the Bursar but for a year, all together would make about £50; if it should not, please to desire Mr. Casley to make up

that sum, and send it immediately. I want a suit of clothes sadly, but dare not bespeak them till I get that money. If Mr. Casley pays the money to Philip and David Cantillon, Merchants in London, and gets a line or two from them to Angelo Belloni, at Rome, 5 that will do; and that they make it payable to nobody but me. Do this for me, Sir, I humbly beg you: I won't trouble you again in this way. Mr. Casley must direct the Letter to me, "Monsieur, Monsieur Bentley, à Rome." I am really frightened, 10 for I did not consider that it will be 40 days before I can have that Letter; and though I have now near £20, it may all be gone easily in necessaries before I get any more. I shall write again next week. This is the third time I have writ to you; and I hope you 15 have got the two acts of Terence, &c. I shall begin to expect a Letter from you now.

I must thank you, Sir, for writing so kind a Letter to my sister Foster. You have raised their expectation; I hope in time you may do something for 20 them. It would be a vast pleasure to me: He's an honest man, and has parts, and writes handsomely; and when a man writes, one sees him.

Baron Stosch is discontented, and wants to come into England: they don't pay him. He has writ to 25 the Duke of Devonshire, and complains of the Duke of Newcastle; there's no great occasion for him now, I think: He can only write word to the government what Englishmen come here, and how they behave themselves. The cause is low. 30

The MS. of the 3 last Books of Dion Cassius is very old, but miserably torn &c. I have writ out a piece and translated it for my pleasure; I laughed

whilst I was doing it, because I never read a word of the 70 or 80 that are already published. You told me once of a Scholst upon Homer, a good one at Florence, I think, or here. Please to say something
 5 about it. I could like to do something new and fine; but I can't bear labour and hard study: so I must be content with mediocrity—nil magnum. I think I have heard you talk of Donatus upon Terence, and Servius upon Virgil: I could help you in either. For
 10 Virgil himself, I believe there's nothing to be done; very little. There are 3 very old MSS. of Virgil in the Vatican: one, a fragment, as old as the Terence, I believe. I have collated about 10 leaves, and have found 5 or 6 things that I think better than Heins.,
 15 whose Ed. I brought out of England. They generally agree, but 'tis better than his Cod. Mediceus.

I intended to have writ to the bottom, but Baron Stosch is come in, and tells me there's a new order about Letters, and that I must carry it forthwith this
 20 night, Wednesday: I used to carry Letters Thursday Morning

Duty and service to all friends.

From yours,

T. B^y.

25 I have not time to run over what I have writ.

For DR. BENTLEY,

at TRINITY COLLEGE,

CAMBRIDGE.

Inghilterra.

CCXLI.

Thomas Bentley to Richard Bentley.

March 25.

HONOURED SIR,

I HAVE received both your Letters. For the money, of which I had great need, I return you many hearty thanks: a kindness of which I shall always retain a grateful memory. I should have writ before now, but that I had a mind to see what Plutarchs there are in the Vatican Library; which has been shut up for above thirty days, all the Carneval, and was opened but 3 days ago. 10

There are of one sort or other 10 or 12, besides those, in what they call the Palatine Library, and another large room that has nothing but the MSS. left by Christina of Sueden; of which they have not yet made a Catalogue! There is one or two of the 15 Lives, and 2 or 3 of the Morals that are old; as good, or near it, as those at Paris. I compared them in Cæsar's Life; and they generally agree; and the Morals in *περὶ δυσωπίας*; a great many new and true things. But what can a body do with such great 20 Books, where they only allow the use of them for 3 hours in a morning, and that but 5 times a week, or but 3 or 4 times? for all holidays, &c., are vacancies; all Christmas, and, they tell me, May, June, July entirely; besides that, you are obliged to sit in the 25 same room with 8 or ten others, some working and some chattering. At that rate it would take one 4 or 5 years to go through all Plutarch's Works.

I could like well enough to do those at Paris,

where they gave me a room to myself, and the MS. to go to when my appetite came. But, at the best, 'tis a terrible piece of work, and too much for my shoulders; and yet I like the encouragement, and don't want inclination. But γνῶθι σεαυτὸν came from heaven. I'll venture to say thus much: If you'd be pleased to get some good scholar to write the notes and correct the version, and afterwards the press, and take all the trouble of the publication, and all the glory! and then get me money enough to procure 2 or 3 assistants, (Mico is dead, but there's an able young man in his place), I'll undertake the business. And I see enough here, besides Florence and Venice, (the books of Cardinal Bessarion), and Paris, to set Plutarch right in innumerable places. I might add further, that the same may be done for almost any other Greek or Latin Author in proportion.

Upon this I have the honour to tell you, that I happened to take out, by mere accident, a MS. of Statius's Sylvæ, which being a good one, and collated with another by the same hand, and knowing, too, how few MSS. there are of those charming Books; and seeing, also, a Scholiast in the same hand, which, I believed, was never printed: all these reasons made me run about for Gron. Edit., which I found at last, and began to try the MS. I took the *Soteria pro Rut. Gall.* I'll give you a place or two, to show what may be done, even after Gronovius.

Huc mecum Epidauria proles,
 30 Hinc alti gaudens datur aggreddenda facultas.
 Ingentem recreare virum tentemus adorti.
 Tendatis jam fila colos.

Now, this is most horrid nonsense, as several other places in the poem are. From the MS. and the col-

This Scholiast explains very finely all the Antiquities in the Villa Surrent. of Pol. Fel., and particularly every thing relating to Naples, and all the fine things thereabouts. I shall go to Naples in a
 5 little time, before the heats come, to stay about 20 days, and then return to Rome again. I have quite finished the Terence; for I have scarce ever been at the Library without doing a bit. All the Andria is lost, except a piece of the last Act: I intend to col-
 10 late that in prose where the Bemb. wants. One of the first lines that's legible is thus:—

Spe, gaudio, mirando *tantum* tam repentino *hoc* bono:

which I think better, *mirando tantum*, for *tam mirando*. What Donatus says, that *mirando* is a *participium* for *dum miror*, I can't like by any means:
 15 *hoc* certainly stands better before *bono*. In the Eun. I remember a little thing that pleased me:—

Jubesne? jubeo, cogo, atque impero.

The MS. has *jubeam* plainly. Do I jubere, *jubeam*-
 20 ne? say'st thou; immo cogo atque impero: it must be better; they did not understand it. It is a good while, but I remember it perfectly, since you came into my room, when I was so happy as to be your neighbour in your house, and told me something
 25 about that verse in Phormio,

Ut neque mihi sit amittendi &c.:

whether *ejus* or *jus*, or, I have forgot how; neither in the MS., only thus, *neque mihi sit*.

There is a specimen of this Codex in *Mabillon de*
 30 *Re Diplom.*; and I think in the *Paleogr. Græc.* of Montfaucon; and also, though I'm not sure, of the

Gr. Test. that Mico did for you. That's a Glorious Old Book. I have a good mind to collate it again for curiosity. It was not I that got you that specimen at Oxford, writ by a leaf of Icing-glass, &c.

There are two or 3 Homers here, that have better 5 readings than are in Barnes's Edit. In the best of them I looked at that fine Emendation of yours, ἀλλ' ἀποπαπτανέουσιν &c. I found it exactly and plainly so, and a scholion upon it; for there's a large Scholiast different from Didymus. This pleased 10 me so much, that I have collated 4 books, and found 50 or 60 things that I believe are right. I'll send you 3 or 4 in some other letter.

I must leave room to thank my Cousin for his entertaining Letter. I must write in Italian after such 15 a challenge: he may expect a Letter in a post or two. I wish mightily for a Terence *or two*. The Head Librarian, who is a Prelate, has been very civil to me, and it would do me service to make a present; sent to Leghorn, they would come presently. I writ so 20 far yesterday. In my next I intend to go on with the journey, and another will finish it. When I get to Rome, you may expect πάντα περὶ πάντων. Roma Moderna, for its Religion, manners, dicta, facta, studia, instituta &c., surprises me more, in a different 25 way, than I believe it would have done if I had come in Augustus's time. I live very near his Mausoleum: they have made Stables of it.

I was misinformed about opening Letters: there's 30 no such thing.

I have had some reflections about Plutarch, that I shall make you acquainted with next Post; and if you should have occasion to write or speak about

that matter, I beg you'd forbear till you get my next Letter.

Hearty Love and Service to all friends.

Yours always,

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T. B^y.

For DR. BENTLEY,

at ESSEX-HOUSE, *near the* TEMPLE,

LONDON.

[This address has been erased and a second substituted for it, as follows:]

For DR. BENTLEY,

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Master of TRINITY COLLEGE,

in CAMBRIDGE.

Inghilterra.

CCXLII.

VIRO MAXIMO RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. D. P.

JAC. PHIL. D'ORVILLE.

15

SUMMA illa humanitas, qua me præsentem semper ornasti, Vir celeberrime, ad te his literis compellandum multo me alacriorem reddidit. Illa enim non modo spem iniecit maximam, fore, ut illæ haud minus benigno exciperentur vultu, quam ipse in te
20 olim expertus fueram, sed etiam magno me incitavit opere, ne paterer hanc occasionem grati animi testandi temere elabi.

Cum igitur amicissimus Casleius me certiore de tuo proposito fecerit, nihil antiquius habuissem quam
25 mea tibi probare officia, et desideratas MSS. Lucani

collationes confectas dare. Verum, cum Francisci Oudendorpii, viri mihi amicissimi, et tui nominis in primis cultoris, editio ejus poëtæ, jam ad septimum librum perducta sit, et tu istos codices tum demum cum Grotii editione commissos velle videaris, si illa 5 *ἔκδοσις* non habuisset exitum, nihil a me hac in re ante moliendum duxi, quam certiora de tua voluntate edoctus fuero. Misi tamen ad Casleium editionem nuperam, quam Cortius cum variis lectionibus et emendationibus Lipsiæ in forma octava publicavit. 10

Miraberis, Vir doctissime, insignem hominis imperitiam et audaciam, qui plusquam viginti vitia contra legem metricam et innumeras absurdas lectiones in textum, ut vocant, auctoris intruserit. Et tamen hic ille est, qui doctissimum Wasse vestratem nuper in 15 Sallustio tam indignis tractavit modis. Putavi autem hunc librum in subministrandis codicum variationibus usum aliquem habere posse.

Utinam salutare illud sidus, cui se sibi restitutos Terentius Phædrusque nuper debuerunt, etiam Luca- 20 no brevi effulgeat. Quidquid mea opera tibi utilis esse potuerit, promptissimo in me recipiam animo; at cum de Italica peregrinatione brevi instituenda cogito, vereor ne tua mandata, ni festinentur, serius ad me perveniant. Intra enim paucissimas hebdomadas 25 eo per Galliam iter sum ingressurus. Si in istis regionibus aliquo modo tuis commodis inservire potuero, gratissimum feceris, ea de re me admonendo. Vale, Vir celeberrime, et me tibi devotissimum credas, oro. 30

Hagæ Comitum sexto Iduum Aprilis. 1726.

Doctissimus Davisius et amicissimus Crownfield,

si non grave est, a me plurimum salveant. In re literaria nihil admodum geritur, quod scire magnopere cupias, nisi forte quod Cl. Burmannus brevi satis acres vindicias contra Capperonnerium, Quintiliani editorem, est publicaturus.

To DR. RICHARD BENTLEY,
at HIS MAJESTY'S Library,
in ESSEX-STREET, ESSEX-HOUSE,
in LONDON.

CCXLIII.

Thomas Bentley to Richard Bentley.

10

ROME, April 24, 1726.

HONOURED SIR,

SOON after I sent away my last, I fell into a little indisposition, which I am now got out of; that hindered me from writing again so soon as I intended. I have not been at the Library since I writ, for the Holy Week, and some time before and after, is Vacancy, but have spent my time at home, not without much pleasure, in looking into books of Antiquities, and reading now and then one of Plutarch's moral treatises.

He is so full of noble sentiments, and shews such a glowing passion for justice and fortitude, and all sort of virtue, that I never read anything with a greater gusto. But as to the business of undertaking an Edition of him, I have laid aside all thoughts of that. I have many reasons which I won't trouble

you with: the most obvious is; what if I should want health after I have taken the money, and am engaged and obliged to go on? Besides, I don't care to stay from home so long a time as is required; and then, further, I can't think of losing that *libera* 5 *oblectatio animi*, Tully speaks of more than once; but most of all, I am not fit for it: I have not read enough; How many of the Greek and Latin Authors are there that I have scarce ever tasted?

But, Sir, I have taken a resolution, and I hope I 10 shall have grace and constancy to persist in it, to study them all well; this I know you will think laudable and encourage me to go on. I beg leave to offer one thing to your consideration; if you would procure me something p^r ann. as for a scholar that 15 knows the Languages and is studying abroad, and understands Books, or in any other way: this I could like mightily, and would resolve to deserve it. I think I should be able to do something new and useful as to Modern as well as Antient Learning. I can 20 have the looking over Christina's MSS. and perhaps should not entirely neglect Plutarch.

If I had money enough to keep a horse and a servant, and take a better apartment, I should be very happy. But I am happy, as I am, and have 25 better health, and more inclination to study and take pains than I used to have of late in England. Yesterday it came into my head to ask you if you'd give me leave to buy some such Books as have been printed at Rome, of late years. They are cheap, 30 though all Foreign Books are very dear. I'll name to you four or five fine ones, amongst a great many, that would be very fit for a Library. *Ciacconii Vitæ*

Pontificum; *Anastasi* Vitæ Pontificum; Observationes upon the Cimiteri of the Martyrs and Antient Christians; *Bonanni's* Numismata Pontificum; and *Kircher's* Museum, by Bonanni, enlarged; *Causeus's*
 5 Museum Romanum; *Mercatus's* Metallotheca Vaticana; *Fabretti's* Columna Trajana; and other Books. All these, and some others, out of the Stamperia Vaticana. I desire nothing but the Credit of buying them, and the pleasure of turning them over before
 10 I send them. It will look like doing something as Library Keeper. I'll promise for £50 to send you Books that shall be deemed worth a £100. I can send them to Leghorn for a small matter, and then there may, perhaps, be some advantage as to the Im-
 15 portation, in directing them to the King's Library.

Since my last, I have been at Tivoli, the old Tibur, which I don't at all wonder the Romans, Augustus, Mæcenas, Horace, &c., were so fond of: 'tis a most delightful place now, though all their fine
 20 Villas lie in ruins. I walked with infinite pleasure upon the banks of the *præceps Anio*, and by the *Tiburni lucus*; but the *pomaria*, &c., are all gone. Suetonius says, in the Life of Horace, *domus ejus ostenditur circa Tiburni lucum*, and, *secessu ruris sui*
 25 *Sabini aut Tiburtini*; the ruins of the *rus Tiburtinum* are to be seen, and I think I found the other, just upon the confines of the Sabines and Latins, where, also, are the remains of Catullus's;

O funde noster seu Sabine seu Tiburs;

30 but our Antiquary did not agree with me. Mæcenas's villa, where he used to retire with Augustus, is at one corner, quite entire; and the very pillars, one or two, (for it was surrounded with little pillars at the

top,) yet standing: it was a prodigious large building, and now within the walls there's a vineyard that they make 2000 crowns a year of.

But about a mile off there's the *Villa Hadriani*, of which Spartian says, *Villam Tiburtinam mire exædificavit*: a most immense astonishing ruin; they told me it was six miles about. I was tired before I had seen half; but I intend to go again when I return from Naples, and then we shall go to *Frescati* and *Præneste*, and all those other famous places. 10

I shall set out for Naples to-morrow, and intend to stay a month or 5 weeks. If you write to me soon after you get this, I shall have the Letter at my return to Rome. Pray do, Sir; a Letter from you then will give me vast pleasure. 15

The talk now amongst the Learned here is about a burying place, discovered last month in the *Via Appia*, of a great many of the *Servi* of *Livia Augusta*. I have been in it several times, and have taken 30 or 40 Inscriptions, but there are above a 100. 20 There's a great deal of Erudition as to names and Offices in the family. They are generally short; as this:—

DAMALIS LIVIAE SARCINATRIX
DAT ALEXANDRO VIRO SVO OLLAM.

25

All the ollas are entire. Then there's *Calamus* and *Bathyllus*, and *Secundio Juliae Augustae Aquarius*. *Epagatho*, *Philomusus Villicus*, ex horreis Petronianis, and another, ex horreis Lollianis. Then, for women, there's *Stacte*, and *Chrysarium*, and *Chloe*, and *Lalage*, 30 and *Damalis*, and *Ploca*, and forty more. Then one is a *supellectile*, another a *veste*, or *ad vestem*, and so forth. There's one, *Amianthus Liviae Augustae ad*

Venerem: it made some ignorant people laugh; but it means, I believe, that he was keeper of some Statue or *sigillum* of Venus. I'll give you another:—

DIS MANIBVS AVG. LIB. BATHYLLVS

5 AEDITVS TEMPLI DIVI AVG. ET DIVAE AVGVSTAE
QVOD EST IN PALATIVM INMVNIS ET HONORATVS.

Inmunis et Honoratus is not well understood; but I have done. I am in hopes of the Terences: if you send them, please to let the folks put up with them
10 the *Epist. ad Quintum Frat.*, and *de Finibus*: I have found good MSS. of both, and may perhaps publish them over again, some time or other. They may find both at Vaillant's. I received Mr. Casley's Letter, and have the money. The Chevalier went from Rome
15 yesterday, but whither, is a great speculation. There have been many English here all winter, but they begin to move. Mr. Shales, of our Collège, and Hanmore, Ray, Gwin, and some other Cantabs are here yet. Duke W—on has been here incog. I hope my
20 Cousin will excuse me: I have not yet writ; from Naples, I intend: my hearty service to him, and most affectionate respects to my Aunt and Cousins, and also to Mr. Casley, thanks and service. I fear there's nothing to be done for my Mother relating to the
25 tythes!

'Tis now quite summer here, and the snow is gone off Mount Soracte.

I am, Sir, Yours always,

T. BY.

30 For DR. BENTLEY,

at ESSEX HOUSE, near the TEMPLE,

LONDON.

Inghilterra.

CCXLIV.

Samuel Crellius Ricardo Benteio.

LONDINI, 7 Junii, 1726.

VIR CELEBERRIME, CRITICORUM OPTIME MAXIME.

JAM fortasse, uti promiseras, iterum inspexisti Codicem quem Beza Academiae Cantabrigiensi donavit, et animadvertisti vocem unam in primo commate 5 Evangelii Joannis oblitteratam, aliamque recentiore, forte ipsius Bezæ, manu ejus loco scriptam. Quo autem loco, an ubi Θεὸν an vero ubi Θεὸς nunc legimus, non memini, et scire desidero. Quis Sponsor est, non etiam in aliis aliquibus Codd. MSS. in eodem 10 commate primo similes reperiri correctiones, quos editores aut non observarunt aut neglexerunt, prout huic contigit in Codice Bezæ extanti? Verum etiamsi nulum nunc in ullo Codice, ejus lectionis καὶ Θεοῦ ἦν ὁ Λόγος appareret vestigium, res non esset admodum 15 miranda cum jam II. Seculo, teste Dionysio Corinthiorum Episcopo apud Eusebium, Scripta etiam Dominica falsarentur, prout in libro meo, istam lectionem vulgarem καὶ Θεὸς ἦν ὁ Λόγος a posterioribus Valentinianis eodem Seculo inductam esse probo, ut 20 puto, luculenter.

Sic et Rom. ix. 5, lectio illa mendosa ὁ ὢν ἐπὶ πάντων pro ὦν ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, jam quoque Seculo II. in Codicibus Nov. Testam. apparuit. Eam enim Irenæus jam in suo Codice habuisse videtur, quia lib. ii. 25 cap. v. pag. 123 b, edit. Grab. dicit: “ Sed cum scient (dæmones) quoniam est *qui est super omnia Deus*,”

&c., ubi in Græco ὅτι ἐστὶν ὁ ὢν ἐπὶ πάντων Θεός, ipsa ista Pauli jam mendosa verba extitisse videntur; quæ Irenæus ad Deum Patrem per doxologiam quandam referebat, uti ex aliis ejus verbis ni fallor concludi
 5 potest, lib. ii. cap. xli. pag. 164 b, ita fortassis emendandis: “ Et maxime autem super omnia *qui benedicitur* Deus, quod ipsum Hebraice Baruch dicitur, et duas et dimidiam habet literas.” Qua de re in opere meo plura. Nam quod nunc in Irenæo lib. iii.
 10 cap. xviii. ubi de Christo ipso agit, verba illa: *qui est super omnia Deus benedictus in secula*, legamus, id non Irenæo ipsi sed ejus interpolatori adscribendum esse, ibidem demonstro.

Libenter quoque scirem, an præter Lincolniensem
 15 Codicem optimæ notæ ut Clariss. Millius testatur, alius aliquis sive Græcus sive Latinus Codex extet in quo desint ista verba 1 Cor. xv. 42, σπείρεται ἐν φθορᾷ ἐγείρεται ἐν ἀφθαρσίᾳ. Ea enim hic non debere legi probo in alio Opere MS. ubi *Resurrectionem mortuorum juxta doctrinam de Restitutione omnium creaturarum* enucleo. Resurrectio *in carne*, non ἐν ἀφθαρσίᾳ, ab Apostolis semper prædicabatur, donec Paulus Apostolus hoc Capite xv. Epistolæ ad Corinth. sed demum vv. 51, 52, hoc mysterium adhuc tunc incogni-
 20 tum primum revelaret, nempe mortuos omnes incorruptibiles (tandem) resurrecturos, et carnem piorum e mortuis resuscitatam, in Spiritum tandem esse mutandam, ut absorbeatur mortale a vita. Quia caro et sanguis Regnum Dei, illud nempe quod Filius Deo Patri
 30 redditurus est, hæreditare nequit; sed in regno Christi antequam illud Patri suo tradat, locum habere potest. Distinctionem enim faciendam esse probo inter tubam resurrectionis, 1 Thess. iv. memoratam (antece-

dentem), et inter illam (subsequentem) *ultimam* 1 Cor. xv. 52, multis post seculis, Christo jam Patri regnum tradente, audiendam. Apostolum 1 Cor. xv. de omnium hominum resurrectione, non de piorum duntaxat, agere ostendo, nam horum in specie v. 18, 5 meminit ut argumentum pro mortuorum resurrectione corporali, universali, eo fortius redderet. Comma 45^{tum} in parenthesi pono, ut eo magis appareat docere Apostolum quod in resurrectione mortuorum non prius futurum sit corpus spirituale, sed animale (car- 10 neum), postea vero spirituale. Locum vero 1 Cor. vi. 12, 13, 14, qui contra resurrectionem carnis allegari solet, eam potius demonstrare ac verba illa ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει, non esse ipsius Apostoli Pauli, sed alicujus falsi Doctoris a Paulo alle- 15 gata verba, tali modo et distinctione jam ante aliquot annos in Dissertatione quadam Germanica publici juris facta, ostendi:—

V. 12. Objectio falsi Doctoris: Πάντα μοι ἔξεστι. Responsio Apostoli: ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει. Ob- 20 jectio iterata (ingeminabant enim ista falsi Doctores): πάντα μοι ἔξεστι. Responsio: ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπὸ τινος.

V. 13. Objectio tertia falsi Doctoris: Τὰ βρώματα τῇ κοιλίᾳ καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν, ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ ταύ- 25 την καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Responsio Apostoli Pauli *prima*: τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῇ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ Κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ Κύριος τῷ σώματι.

V. 14. Responsio *secunda*: Ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ τὸν Κύριον ἡγείρε, καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. 30

Ubi manifestum est verba: ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ τὸν Κύριον ἡγείρε &c. Verbis illis falsi Doctoris: ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ

ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει, opponi; neque hic com-
mate 14° Paulus occasionem de Domini et nostra
resuscitatione agendi habuisset nisi verbis illis falsi
Doctoris: ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ ταύτην &c., καταργήσει, fuisset
5 provocatus.

Tum etiam scire desidero an præter Codicem Alex-
andrinum alius aliquis appareat in quo 1 Cor. ii. v.
11, vox ἀνθρώπων non legatur, abesse enim debere
hanc intrusam in alios Codices vocem, in Opere meo
10 quod nuper hic Londini vidisti, probo, et hac occa-
sione difficillimo loco lucem affundere videor.

Locum etiam ad Coloss. i. 15, 16, 17, 18, ita le-
gendum et distinguendum esse puto:—

V. 15. ὍΣ ἜΣΤΙΝ εἰκὼν τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἀοράτου,
15 πρωτότοκος πάσης κτίσεως.

V. 16. ὍΤΙ ἘΝ ΑΥΤΩΙ ἐκτίσθη τὰ πάντα—καὶ
εἰς αὐτὸν ἔκτισται.

V. 17. ΚΑΙ αὐτός ἐστι πρὸ πάντων, καὶ τὰ πάντα ἐν
αὐτῷ συνέστηκε, καὶ αὐτός ἐστιν ἡ κεφαλὴ τοῦ σώματος
20 τῆς ἐκκλησίας.

V. 18. ὍΣ ἜΣΤΙΝ ἀρχὴ πρωτότοκος ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν,
ἵνα γένηται ἐν πᾶσιν αὐτὸς πρωτεύων.

V. 19. ὍΤΙ ἘΝ ΑΥΤΩΙ εὐδόκησε πᾶν τὸ πλή-
ρωμα κατοικῆσαι.

25 V. 20. ΚΑΙ δι' αὐτοῦ ἀποκαταλλάξαι τὰ πάντα &c.

Num vv. 18 et 20 imprimis, variæ lectiones alicujus
momenti reperiantur, nemo me melius quam Tu Vir
celeberrime, talium optime Judex, docere potest. Si
gravissima tua negotia et studia Tibi permittunt, me
30 quæ desidero docere, reperient me literæ tuæ Londini
in *Cloak-lane, near Dowgate, at Mrs. Elizabeth Crell.*
Vale, Vir Celeberrime et Rempubicam literariam

felicissime, ut soles, augere et exornare perge. Deus Tibi vires et valetudinem conservet!

Celeberrimi Nominis Tui

Cultor devotissimus

SAMUEL CRELLIUS. 5

Pecuniam quam mihi dedisti tradidi Joanni Darby, Typographo et Bibliopolæ Londinensi notissimo, ut quamprimum opus illud typis fuerit expressum, exemplar Tibi mittat nec ut moneatur expectet. Quod facere promisit. Idem ingeram J. Noon, alteri Bi- 10 bliopolæ, quem sibi in hoc opere imprimendo socium adscivit.

CCXLV.

Thomas Bentley to Richard Bentley.

ROME, Aug. 2, 1726.

HONOURED SIR,

I STAYED longer at Naples than I intended, 15 having met with good company, and much entertainment as to Antiquities and curiosities. I was absent from Rome 2 months; but I spent many days out of Naples, at Capua, and Nola, and Surrentum; at Caprea, Ischia, Prochyta, Puteoli, &c.: every 20 where deplorable remains of Roman grandeur; but generally one may almost say with our friend Lucan, *ipsæ etiam periere ruinæ*.

I writ to your Son from Naples. I took a Felucca to return by sea, having a mind to stay a while 25

at Caieta, which I had only seen before *en passant*, and to *radere littora terræ Circeæ*, and to see the famous Antium, and to go back to Rome with Æneas, as I left it with Horace; but the weather proving
 5 very bad, and as they call it here, *borrascoso*, even so bad that I had like to have been drowned, I was glad to land at Terracina, and go to Rome post.

When I got hither, I had the pleasure to find your Letter. There can be no doubt of the sincerity of
 10 my thanks for the present you have made me, unexpected and in time of need. My heart tells me I must endeavour to shew that I deserved it.

I have seen most of the Testaments in the Vatican. The finest and oldest is of all the Bible, which
 15 I suppose is that Mico collated. Had you a collation of all the New Testament from him? The writing is not unlike that of the Alexandrian MS., only there's a gentle division of words. As to the Accents, I can answer you with certainty, that they
 20 are added by another hand, but an old one. The person that added them has also taken a strange piece of pains, to retouch every letter in the Book; one side only sometimes, when he thought the other side very plain; also, when he thought a letter superfluous, as in *εσθειετε, ρειψαντες*, &c. he leaves
 25 the *ε* untouched. I will get you a pattern of the writing as well as I can imitate, 'tis thus:—

ΗΡΞΑΤΟ ΕCΘΕΙΕΙΝ

The first writing is very white, but 'tis very legible.
 30 When I had got the book into my hands, I spent near the whole time of the Library in it: 'tis writ by one that understood very well, and has no such

faults as put a man out of humour. I send you the collation, that you may see whether 'tis the same with Mico's. I opened at random, and fell upon the latter part of the Acts, so began the 27 ch. I collated it with Rob. Steph. Ed. Fol. M.D.L. 'tis generally better, I think.

As to Homer, I have tried the Scholiast in the Vatican in several places; 'tis chiefly Grammatical, running through the paradigm, &c. Excerpta out of Eustathius, the Etymology, and so forth, for I take it to be recenter than they. There's often *οἱ δὲ παλαιοὶ λέγουσιν*, and *οἱ παλαιοὶ*, have it so and so; like Eustathius.

But, Sir, you'll be surprised when I tell you that I have found, by a mere accident, a conversation at Stosch's with a Roman Cavalier, the MS. Scholst of Petrus Victor^{us} here at Rome, in the hands of three Cavaliers of the same name, Vittori, descendants from Petrus, who have all his Books and some things of his ready for the press; and are now printing at Florence one Volume of his Letters, and another of Letters to him. That Gentleman was telling me the Vittoris had many MSS. of Petrus; I desired him to carry me to them: we went, and the first book I took out was this Scholiast. I had your Letter in my pocket, and was soon sure; I have been often since to read in it here and there. They lent me an Eustathius, and I find that, wherever he mentions the *οἱ παλαιοὶ* are of such or such an opinion, he has the very same words, sometimes for 5 or 6 lines together, that are here; but he only picks and culls out what he likes. So that these scholia were *παλαιὰ* in Eustathius's time. The Book is dirty in the 9th

that Horneius transcribed. Fabricius, in his Biblioth. Græ. Vit. Hom., has near a page about it: it is a large thick folio. It frequently mentions the different readings of Zenodotus, Aristarchus, Apollonius,
 5 &c., when Eustathius has not a word: those are generally in the margin; perhaps Eustathius had them not. The text word is ἀποπτανέουσι but the note shews they read right; for it has παπταινω, νῶ, νέω. I wonder Eustathius misses it.

10 I asked to have the book to my lodgings, but was refused: they gave me leave to do what I would in their own house; so I began to copy some part of it; but the next time I went they told me they believed I was copying in order to print it: and so, in
 15 short, I must not go on.

Pray, Sir, consider what's best to be done. Stosch says a round sum of money would tempt them to part with the Book itself; or every one of them such a thing as an English watch. I don't know, but if
 20 you have a mind to have it, and will go as far as a £100, I'll do my utmost. But I fear they won't sell it; if they will, less money will do. I have none now to try them. I hope Mr. Casley has a £100 for me. I beg to have it as soon as possible, for I
 25 shall be low in 6 weeks time. If I must try for the MS., please to add to my £100 at least £50. If I get it and give more, you can repay me; if not, I shall owe you £50, which you may please to take either in College, or when it comes out of Yorkshire:
 30 I think them slack. I am always wanting money, or in fear of wanting; and yet I live soberly and *sagement*. I ought to tell you that the Scholiast is only upon the Ilias; and that in the first Book

there's as much wanting as, if I remember well, was upon 40 or 50 verses, towards the beginning.

I am glad you are going to publish your Manilius: 'tis there you will show your power in Criticism. Then comes the Testament, and then for Homer. I 5 long to have you publish some top Greek Author. I have had it in my head several years, ever since I began to taste Homer, that, some time or other, I should be able to give a better Edition of him than we have. I find many things here in that way; but 10 'tis hard labour, and to mind nothing but Homer before one has studied other Books is very foolish.

I pray God to give you a *corpus fidele senectæ*, as Persius says, that, after what you have in your hands now, you may publish a Homer, and many other 15 brave things that no body can do but yourself. I had a letter this week from Brother Foster: he tells me something about Dr. Hare and Phædrus. I fancy you won't write again, but go on to publish those Books. What signifies poor Phædrus! My Brother 20 tells me how kind you are, and how likely he thinks it that you will, in due time, get them something. It would please me much. I am glad there's so great a friendship betwixt the Chancellor and you. His great fame is spread over the world. 25

So far I writ yesterday. I have copied this Letter to send you next week, with additions, if any thing new occurs, for fear it should miscarry; though I think none has yet. The Collation is so long that I have not time to give it you now. Besides the 30 27th of the Acts, I did a chapter in the Epistle to the Galatians and another to the Ephesians. You'll have them in the next.

I fancy this will find you at Cambridge. I am glad there's so fine a Clock. You don't name the Senior Fellow that's dead.

My respects and humble service to my Aunt and
5 Cousins, &c.

I am ever, as becomes me,

Your most dutiful Nephew,

T. BENTLEY.

For DR. BENTLEY,

10 at TRINITY COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

Pr Inghilterra.

CCXLVI.

*Dr. Bentley to Dr. Bradford, Dean of Westminster
and Bishop of Rochester.*

TRIN. COLL., March 5, 1726 $\frac{6}{7}$.

MY LORD,

15 I DELAYED my answer to your last, till I had an account from some persons I employed to examine the Rolls for the pretended Letters of King James the First.

I now am informed that there is an enrollment of
20 such Letters there; but neither the King's hand nor seal to them. Now, therefore, this Præmissum being granted, I repeat my former proposal—that the Complainants, if the whole, as suspected, be not a jest, draw up their argument in full, to which we shall re-
25 turn our answer in every particular.

The reason of our demanding such argument is

plain; for, as we look upon your Lordship as a person most candid, disinterested, and impartial in this matter, so, whatever we reply to your Lordship's private Letters, may be eluded by the Complainants on this pretence, that your Lordship did not state their 5 argument in full force.

What I am going to write to your Lordship is private from myself to you; and, as it does not now come from our Seniors, so you are not to read it to the complainants as a public answer from hence; but 10 to suggest to them what you think fit out of it, as what you have heard said, and as the principal director, admonish them of.

That these Letters, if ever signed and sealed, were presently recalled and never executed, is as plain as 15 Demonstration. They are dated the fifth of King James (1607). We have here the original admission of all Scholars and Fellows in that very year, and all his reign after. If your College has preserved the Indentures of Elections made from hence 20 in those Years, it will still more confirm what is plain enough without that, that our College never complied with the purport of those Letters, and, consequently, *never had them sent to them.*

Add, that we have other Letters of King James 25 in the 21st of His Reign, sixteen Years after the date of the pretended ones, that are absolutely inconsistent with them; enjoining only that the Westminster Scholars be placed the first or seniors of their Year, and not eluded by Præ-elections; both which have 30 been complied to: the first by all Masters; the second, (though broken by others), yet strictly observed in my own time. King James was in several Years, from the fifth to His death, resident here in

the Master's Apartment, and had Plays acted there before Him. Would He have remained silent, and see patiently His Letters (if executed) contemned by the constant practice of the College?

5 The agreement (the Complainants speak of) between the two Colleges after the date of the pretended Letters, which provides nothing but that our College should for the future make no Præ-elections, effectually proves the prior Letters were never ex-
 10 ecuted. Would your College have made such agreements, if they had Royal Letters for engrossing all our Fellowships? What the Complainants say, *that the Colleges had no such authority*, is a very jest. No such authority, indeed; supposing the said Letters
 15 valid: but the reverse is plainly to be inferred; because your College complied to such an agreement, they were conscious those Letters were null, as never executed.

'Tis six score Years since the pretended Letters
 20 are dated; and 'tis fact they never were observed here.

How many great Masters, Wilkins, Pearson, Barrow, &c., have been here in that interval of time? and how many potent Bishops made Deans of your
 25 College? and yet these Letters not once obeyed by ours nor insisted on by yours! till your last Predecessor, who was quashed by one Post Letter in answer to Him. Nay, Kings themselves, in that space of time have contradicted those Letters, by often
 30 sending their Mandates for Fellowships for other than Westminster Scholars; and, even when they sent them for those, it plainly supposes the said Letters were not of force to do it without such Mandates.

If therefore the said Letters had no force at all during the King's own Reign, guess you what feats they are like to do after a hundred Years after His death. They are now no more than waste paper. What Lawyer will now say that King James, were 5 he never so willing, had power to give such Letters, which, if executed, would subvert the whole College of Trinity? Not only our *Statutes*, which we all swear to, are, in their whole tenor, irreconcilable to such a scheme as those Letters would introduce, but 10 our Charter and Foundation of such a number of *Fellowships* and *Scholarships* are wholly inconsistent with it. We might pull down one of our Courts or leave it to the Rats; for, instead of about forty annual admissions of Scholars, we should not have 15 above six a Year, like the College of King's.

And what sense is it that the School of Westminster, with only forty King's Scholars, should pretend to supply two of the numerous Societies in England, when Eaton, with threescore King's Scholars, 20 supplies but one, less than either of the other two? so, Merchant Taylors', Winchester, supply but one College each, though the Schools as large and the Colleges much less.

And here, too, is a vast disadvantage to the Col- 25 leges of Christ Church and Trinity. King's, St. John's, and New College, Oxon, have choice of their Scholars, and take five or six out of sixteen. At Westminster, (in the present management), all are taken, good, bad, or indifferent; and the notion of 30 the Election is solely this; Not, whether to a College at all, but whether to Christ Church or Trinity.

And then the probability of their being the learnedest Fellows of Trinity College will be visible *a priori*. All are taken into the Westminster forty, *anno uno vel altero*, that offer themselves for it.
 5 Four of these, without sifting, are annually carried Scholars to Trinity; which Four are now pretended to be the best Scholars of their Years, six Years afterwards (for the other Scholars we chuse in the College). Four the best of twenty Competitors! Is
 10 it likely that the Westminster Four, who come by Fate or Chance, without choice, should excel the other Four, who, for their better abilities, have been called out of a score?

My Lord, in the former Years of my Mastership,
 15 the Westminster Scholars got the major part of our Fellowships. Of later Years, they have not so succeeded. The reason must be, either that better lads come to us from other Schools than used to do formerly, or else those from Westminster are worse
 20 taught than formerly; which *let the Complainants look to*. If our College is to be called upon as accountable to your Schoolmaster for every Yearly Election here, you'll not be surprised, if, at the next Election at Westminster, we take stricter measures at the
 25 beginning.

If this affair proceeds on, I and my Assistant will not think ourselves obliged to acquiesce in the present pageantry of a public Examination; as they are thence chosen finally into Scholarships. So assure
 30 yourself those that are here chosen pass through another sort of trial; and we have reason to expect the Four Westminsters to be as good as they; and,

if by a private trial they are not found so, but are all refused for insufficiency, let the Complainants *think of the consequence.*

One thing I had forgot; if these pretended Letters without any Seal now extant are by them thought to be in force, much more are the Westminster Statutes (which are sworn to by every Dean and Prebend), to be concluded in force. And yet for twenty-six years, for want of a broad Seal existing, they have been denied to be Statutes, when the Dean of Christ Church and I called for our Rights of alternately nominating the Master of your School. But if that part which immediately follows the Election part be no Statute, whether is the Election part Statute? And Queen Elizabeth sends us to elect according to *Her Statute* of Westminster: so that, if you have no Statute, we need not come to you at all; or, if you have, give the two Colleges their due, not only to chuse your Masters, but by consent every [in any] Year to turn any Master out that does not answer his duty and our just expectation.

My Lord, I desire to end my days quietly and proceed here as my Predecessors have done. But if the Complainants will proceed and draw up their argument, or else go directly to Law, they'll hear of such things signed by forty Fellows of our College that will not much delight them.

I am, with all deference,

Your Lordship's most obedient Servant,

R. BENTLEY. 30

CCXLVII.

*Dr. Bentley to Sir Hans Sloane.*TRINITY COLLEGE, *Whitsunday Evening.*

SIR,

MR. WRICHMAN, a Gentleman of Hamburgh,
 who has been many times at my house, both here
 5 and at London, has been recommended to you as a
 fit Person to be admitted of our Royal Society.
 Mr. Derham has given his Request, as one; and,
 according to our Statutes, a second is to do the like.
 If you'll accept of me, therefore, as that second, I
 10 do sincerely recommend him to you, as a fit Member;
 having found him to be a Gentleman of good learning
 and (at home) of celebrated wit; and, what is no
 less to your purpose, both of a general acquaintance
 and interest in all Germany, and of equal candour
 15 and good nature to make use of them for our Society.
 These qualities will be useful to a Society, which
 cannot subsist without foreign correspondence.

I am your very humble Servant,

RICH: BENTLEY.

20 *For the Honoured*

SIR HANS SLOANE,

in LONDON.

' Dr. Bentley, June 9, 1728,' read ' June 20, 1728.'

[H. S.]

CCXLVIII.

Dr. Bentley to Archbishop Wake.

TRIN. COLL., *Aug.* 13. 1728.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

I HAD the Honour of yours dated Aug. 10th, which acquaints me that your Grace is informed that our Library Keeper's Place has been some time void, and that you desire to know the truth of that information.

When your Grace pleased to appoint one some years ago, the place was then void by Cession; and the College then delayed to fill it up, because the Yearly Election into fellowships was approaching, and we designed the Librarian's place for the best Scholar that should miss of a Fellowship: there being more Candidates than vacant places; but your Grace's letter after 14 days prevented that Design. 15

If it's now thought to be vacant, it must be by forfeiture, the Keeper not having observed all the conditions exprest in Sir Edward Stanhope's will. At present it is a Nephew of mine, Thomas Bentley, an excellent Scholar, and universally beloved here; 20 who, to save going into orders, quitted a Fellowship here, and accepted of the Librarian's place. I will number up the orders Sir Edward has enjoined, and inform you which of them my Nephew has broke; and as nobody here alive remembers they were all 25

kept, your Grace will easily see whether they are ever likely to be kept again.

I. *He is to accept of no office nor lecture in the College.* This my Nephew has not broke; but his
 5 Predecessors have frequently. The present Dean of Rochester, while he was Library Keeper here, being Tutor to a son of Archbishop Sharpe, and to a son of my Lord Trevor's.

II. *He shall not be absent from College, upon any*
 10 *License whatever, above forty days in a Year.* Nobody now remembers that this was rigidly observed; but it's notoriously broken by my Nephew, who, with the College leave, spent above a year in Paris, Rome, and Florence, in examining old Greek and
 15 Latin MSS., with design of publication, at his own charges, about 300 pound. Sir Edward, in this order, imitated our College Statute, which allows to Major Fellows but 63 days, to Minor Fellows and Scholars of the House but 42 days yearly, vel conti-
 20 nuos vel interpolatos; but this Rigour has been long disused, or else the College must have been starved, and the Fellows excluded from all preferments. And yet the same Statute allows that three of the Fellows may study in Academiis Transmarinis, at the charge
 25 of the College: much more may the Librarian be permitted to do it when at his own charge, and he substituting here a Deputy in his room.

III. *He shall never be above the Degree of Master of Arts.* This is manifestly broken: for my Nephew
 30 had the College Grace to proceed Doctor of Laws, even since he was Library Keeper.

IV. *He's to keep the Keys of the Library, and at-*

tend on every Fellow that goes into the Library, and to stay in it while they stay in it. This has been long done by the Scholar, his Under-keeper: nobody remembers the Librarian himself to have done it; and it's a slavery not to be borne by a Master of Arts 5 now-a-days.

V. *He is to let no book out of the Library to any Fellow's Chamber, without a Note under the Master's hand.* This order has been broke time out of mind. The Master would have employment enough, if he 10 executed it; nor had Sir Edward (who gave no Books to our Library,) any power to impose this upon the Master, or, in his absence, on the Vice-Master.

VI. *He is to have a Man, or Servant, or Sub-librarian, to keep with him in his Chamber.* This 15 refers to a College Statute, which orders that a Doctor of Divinity may have a Chamber to himself: all other Fellows were to have two Scholars cohabit with them. This, both as to College and Library, has been obsolete time out of mind, since the College 20 has enlarged itself with a 2nd large Court.

Your Grace will perceive by these orders, that Sir Edward had in his view a very low notion of His Librarian. His whole settlement, for his maintenance and his servants, was £32 a-year; he gave £700 to 25 make such a purchase; which was accordingly made at Great Markham, in Nottinghamshire, and is now let by Lease at £32 per annum: no Fine ever yet paid to the College to this day.

For this £32 the College agreed (and ever since 30 have performed,) to give the Librarian a Chamber and Commons.

	£	s.	d.
Annual Stipend	6	0	0
Liberatura	2	0	0
To his Under-Librarian—			
Stipend	4	0	0
5 Pro Commeatu	2	0	0

Here is fourteen Pounds in money, besides a Chamber, Commons, and detriments; which, even at that time, exhausted the whole £32 a-year, but at the present condition far exceeds it: the College having
 10 since voluntarily amplified Sir Edward's benefaction, and made the Library Keeper, from an inferior person, equal to a Fellow. I give the present charge out of our College Books.

The Library Keepers have from the College annually—
 15

	£	s.	d.
Librarian—			
Commons, Bread, and Beer	27	0	0
Chambers	18	0	0
Dividend	10	0	0
20 Stipend	6	0	0
Liberatura	2	0	0
Sub-Librarian	14	0	0
	£77	0	0

Besides several perquisites upon admissions, paid to
 25 them by the College Indulgence.

If forfeitures are exacted upon Sir Edward's conditions, the person so introduced must be subject to all those orders, and enjoy no more than was given to him by the Founder of such orders. And your
 30 Grace will now see whether any person qualified in due Learning will accept the place in these days,

upon the old Salary and hard Conditions, if the College's gratuitous benevolence shall be once withdrawn.

I am your Grace's

Most obedient Servant,

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RI. BENTLEY.

CCXLIX.

Archbishop Wake to Dr. Bentley.

Sept. 3, 1728.

REVEREND SIR,

I WAS in good hope that the answer I had returned to the person who recommended a Young¹⁰ Man of your House to me for the Library Keeper's place, in your College, would have put an end both to your and my trouble on this occasion.

But I find it much otherwise: for, by a Letter which I lately received, I am not only more ear-¹⁵ nestly dealt with about this place, and the notorious Vacancy of it, but have a petition, signed by two of your Fellows, Dr. C. and Mr. P., first setting forth the qualifications required by the Founder, Sir Edw. Stanhope, for the holding of that office, and then²⁰ complaining that the present Library Keeper, for six or seven years last past, instead of not being absent from the College 40 days in the year, hath hardly resided 3 months in it; and that a small allowance (scarce an eighth part of the Income of the place),²⁵

being made to a Deputy, little care hath been taken of it.

They next take notice of his superior degree, whereby he hath exempted himself from doing his
5 share of the College Exercises, which the Founder, by his will, enjoins him to perform.

“Upon these accounts,” (I now give you the words of the petition,) “we humbly conceive the place to be long since vacant and pray your Grace to fill it,
10 according to the design of the Founder; and as your Grace was pleased to do on the like devolution of the place about xii years since.”

You see how this affair stands, and how I am called upon to do my duty in the Execution of the
15 trust committed to me. Your Nephew, when I had the favour to see him, did not seem to value the Keeping of this place. If he be still of the same mind, that will make all easy. Otherwise, I must desire yours and your Senior Fellows’ reasons why
20 this place should not be looked upon to have been long vacant, and be filled by me according to the appointment of Sir Edward Stanhop’s will.

I remain, with all esteem,

Reverend Sir,

Your loving Friend.

CCL.

Dr. Bentley to Archbishop Wake.

TRIN. COLL., CAMB., Sept. xi. 1728.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

I HAD the Honour of your Grace's last
Commands :

That I and the Senior Fellows should give our Rea- 5
sons (if we are of that opinion) why the Place of
Library Keeper with us should not be lookt upon to
have been long vacant.

Since the Receipt of yours of Sept. 3rd, I have
sent to know when the Seniors (who, as usually at 10
this time of Vacation, are most of them absent,) will
return to College; and I understand they will be
here by the end of the present Month, the time of
our election into the vacant Fellowships; and then
your Grace will know their Sentiments. 15

I have likewise notified to my Nephew to attend
here in College; that the Seniors may not debate
about ejecting him out of his Freehold without hear-
ing what he has to say for himself. I hope this will
give your Grace present Satisfaction; since, if the 20
Place has been *long vacant*, it will be vacant *then also*.

I am, with all Humility,

Your most obedient Servant,

RICH. BENTLEY.

For HIS GRACE of CANTERBURY,
at his Palace at CROYDON,

LONDON.

CCLI.

Dr. Bentley to Archbishop Wake.

TRIN. COLL., *Octob.* 13, 1728.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

IN my last I had the honour to acquaint your Grace that I expected our Seniors would return to
 5 College by the end of last month; and that I had notified to my Nephew to attend here at the same time. The Seniors are here in College according to Expectation; but my Nephew was taken ill of a pleuritical fever, that has hindered him hitherto from
 10 returning hither: he has been let blood thrice, by order of his friend and acquaintance Dr. Mead; and has given earnest (a Crown,) to the Stage Coach 3 times, with a design to come hither; but was as often stopt by bad symptoms and the advice of the
 15 Doctor; so we have in vain expected him every day. I thought it, therefore, my duty to inform your Grace of this, lest I might appear negligent of my promise and engagement. They are not willing here to proceed in judging a cause till the person is present to
 20 speak for himself; and since the cause of his absence hitherto is *Vis Major* and necessity, we hope your Grace will admit so just an excuse; and if he recovers, you'll have the sentiments of the College in a very few days after. I am,

25 Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant,

RI. BENTLEY.

For the Most Reverend

HIS GRACE of CANTERBURY,

at his Palace in LAMBETH,

LONDON.

CCLII.

Archbishop Wake to Dr. Bentley.

REVEREND SIR,

THE meeting of your Senior Fellows having been over ever since the first of this month, I was in good hope I should sooner have heard from you what was done in the Case of the Library Keeper at it. 5 Instead of this, I was surprised to hear by another hand that that affair was not stirr'd at that meeting, nor any debate held upon it.

Instead of this, I had an account which I thought I might depend upon, that the place had been of- 10 fered to another person, who, though not at that time qualified for it, (as having no degree), yet, the term coming on, might soon obtain one; and so my right of Nomination be defeated for want of being beforehand in asserting it. 15

I did, therefore, by Saturday's post, send a Nomination, which I suppose may have been presented to you. If your Nephew, of whose sickness I knew nothing till I received your letter last night, has anything to offer, or your self and the Senior Fellows to 20 represent to me in this matter, why this place has not been a long time notoriously vacant, for the two reasons mentioned in the petition sent to me by two of your own College, namely, the Librarian's taking his Doctor's Degree, and being absent every year 25 much beyond the time limited by Sir Edward Stanhope's Will, I am content the matter should rest as

it does till that can be done, notwithstanding my Nomination; provided you do not take any such undue measures as I am informed were in agitation to defeat my right, which I shall not give up, but, on
5 the contrary, will assert to the utmost of my power.

I am, Reverend Sir,

&c. &c.

CCLIII.

Dr. Bentley to Archbishop Wake.

Oct. 20, 1728.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

10 SEVERAL cross accidents have intervened since this affair of the Library commenced; My Nephew's long fever at London, and the Spraining of my ancle on Wednesday night last, in my study, between 11 and 12 at night, as I was rising out of my Chair: I
15 have ever since been under a Surgeon's hands, and write this on Sunday 3 o'clock afternoon in Bed.

Your Grace's Nomination was delivered to me by Mr. Parne and Mr. Hutchinson, last Wednesday afternoon; and it fell out well to confute false sugges-
20 tions, that my last letter to your Grace was dated on Sunday before; and my Nephew took coach for London on Tuesday before, and arrived here that same Wednesday evening.

But your Grace's letter to me, that came on Fri-
25 day last, filled the whole College with your Grace's praises, and a detestation of that person that would and durst tell you two such notorious falsehoods. A

particular letter is writ to your Grace on that topic, signed by all the Seniors that were present at those transactions; which will be brought to your Grace at Croyden or Lambeth, by Mr. Greaves, a Counsellor at Law, Fellow of Clare Hall, Register and Auditor 5 of Trinity College, and our Chancellor's Commissary for the whole University. He, besides the letter he brings, is perfectly well qualified to answer any question your Grace shall please to ask him.

Your Grace concealed the author of those two 10 stories; but universal suspicion soon centered on one person, who detected himself the next day, for he copied a clause out of your Grace's letter to him; and sent it at dinner time to all the Fellows then in the Hall. It was (as reported to me,) to this effect: 15 Your Grace charged him to be sure those two suggestions were matters of fact undeniable; or else the Master and Seniors would have good reason to complain, that when you had promised to stay till you had heard their sentiments, you anticipated them by 20 a Nomination before hand. Upon this all the Fellows were affected anew with your Grace's great caution, justice, and goodness; and anew abhorred the man's vileness, in twice affirming two falsehoods to your Grace, and his stupidity in thus publishing it. 25

Had the same openness and candour been used on a late occasion, which your Grace has been pleased to shew to the Society on this, by communicating the objections to us, I doubt not the suggestions made to the Lord Bishop of Ely by Dr. Colebatch and 30 Mr. Parne, would, to his Lordship's satisfaction and the reputation of this Society, have been proved as false and malicious as these suggestions to your Grace are.

Under my present infirmity, I, with the College, do humbly entreat your Grace to have a little patience till I am able to confer with them. There's no design nor danger in it against your Grace's right
 5 or authority; for if the terms of the Will are to be interpreted in the rigid sense of common law, without any allowance of equity, 'tis plain the place is now voidable, and has been so for these threescore years past, and is like to continue so for as many to
 10 come. So your Grace may turn your own Nominee out (if you so please) within a month after you have put him in.

A little delay will have a further advantage, that your Grace in that interval may learn the true Cha-
 15 racters of Dr. Colebatch and Mr. Parne; and the true motives why they two only of the whole Society solicited your Grace afresh to re-open this affair, after you had graciously declared your opinion that you should not trouble the College any more about
 20 the matter. We shall take hold of the first opportunity to send your Grace our sentiments, (as you kindly give us leave), and since you directed your nomination to the Master and Fellows, and especially the eight Seniors, even the Junior Fellows
 25 have applied to me to subscribe their Common Sentiments with the Seniors.

I ordered the Letter above to be copied over; thinking it would be difficult to be read by your Grace.

30 I am, with all duty and deference,

Your Grace's most obedient Servant,

RI. BENTLEY.

CCLIV.

Archbishop Wake to Dr. Bentley.

Dec. 10, 1728.

REVEREND SIR,

ABOUT the middle of the last month I received the long Argument of Dr. Thomas Bentley in his own behalf; and Friday last the Observations of 5 the other side upon it. With the former I had a letter signed by yourself and eight of the College, (some of them Senior Fellows), in which you say you are *humbly of opinion that for the two accusations of absence from College and of taking the Degree of Doc- 10 tor of Laws, (for both which he had the College leave, and to neither of which any punishment is appointed or expressed in Sir Edward Stanhope's Will,) he has not incurred the Loss of Librarian's place.*

I will not affirm that he has; all I shall say is, 15 that I have not seen anything to convince me that he has not. And, therefore, that I may proceed upon sure grounds, and bring this affair to a short issue, I have resolved not to determine anything myself, but to refer the construction of Sir Edward Stanhope's 20 Will, upon the two points mentioned, to the Attorney-General, and be concluded by his Opinion. If he agrees with you, I have done, and shall give you no further trouble; if he be of a contrary opinion, I hope you will be satisfied, and not give any further 25 delay or opposition to my nomination.

This I had signified by letter, to Mr. Greaves, of the 7th instant, but he was gone out of Town before

my letter came to him, which is the reason you are now troubled by,

Reverend Sir,

Your loving Friend.

CCLV.

Dr. Bentley to Archbishop Wake.

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TRIN. COLL., Dec. 15, 1728.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

THE rough Draught of the College's Answer to Archbishop Laud, which could not be found when Dr. Thomas Bentley drew up his Argument, has yesterday been found in a Box of our Registry; and I thought it my duty to copy it out and send it to your Grace the first opportunity, if possible to save your Grace and us further trouble, and to prevent the expense of a Law-suit, which otherwise seems unavoidable.

Your Grace was pleased, in your letter to Mr. Greaves, November 14th, when you owned the Receipt of Dr. Bentley's Argument, to declare that you would send it to the Complainants, and desire their exceptions, if they had any to make against it; and in the close you say, *As soon as I receive their answer, I will either send it you, if you are in Town, or direct it to the Master, in Cambridge.*

This being communicated to us, raised the College's Expectation of seeing the said Exceptions,

which, if they could satisfy your Grace, might have had the same effect on us, and induced even the Librarian to have resigned, without more contention.

But your Grace's letter to me, December 10th, surprised us all; wherein you own the Receipt of⁵ their observations the Friday before; but did not send them down to us. When you promised to do it unasked, no doubt you thought to do so was but right and fair; and the College humbly thinks, that both from your promise and the reason of the thing,¹⁰ your Grace will not refuse us a Copy of these *Observations*.

If Mr. Attorney-General, for whom we have the greatest Esteem, is to give his opinion upon the bare Will, without the Argument, he will think the old¹⁵ Library still exists, and may be led to give such an opinion as afterwards he'll renounce when he knows the whole; he having never been at Cambridge that we know of.

I am, your Grace's

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most dutiful humble Servant,

RI. BENTLEY.

CCLVI.

Archbishop Wake to Dr. Bentley.

Dec. 17, 1728.

REVEREND SIR,

I ALWAYS intended to communicate to you the Observations I received upon the Argument of
 5 Dr. Thomas Bentley, which Mr. Greaves delivered to me. But indeed they are so long, and the greater part of them so foreign to the merits of the case under debate, that I was, for both those reasons, the less forward to trouble either myself or you with a
 10 copy of them. They are now transcribing, and you shall have them as soon as they can be written over. I do not expect that they will produce any alteration in your opinion; and, therefore, proposed a reference of the case to the Attorney-General, upon the foot
 15 of Sir Edward Stanhope's Will; to whose opinion I shall submit, and leave it to you to acquiesce or not in it as you think fit.

Why you should suppose I should desire his opinion upon the bare Will without your Argument upon
 20 it, I cannot imagine. It was what I never thought of; and when I spoke to Mr. Attorney, I told him that I had received such an Argument from you, which I shall take care to send with the will to him.

For I desire nothing but to have the true sense of
 25 the Will declared, which, if I mistook, I may the rather be excused, since I followed so good an example as that of Archbishop Laud in it.

I am, Reverend Sir.

CCLVII.

Dr. Bentley to Archbishop Wake.

TRIN. COLL., Dec. 31, 1728.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

WE received the Copy of Mr. Parne's Answer to Dr. Tho. Bentley's Argument, and entirely agree with your Grace's character of it; and (could we have foreseen it,) we should not have pressed for a Transcription of it.

There are only two things in it that I think it my particular duty and interest to give your Grace a truer account of it. He (Mr. P.) had then the rough draught of the College Answer to Archbishop Laud by him; which we could not find till his answer was sent to your Grace. He there omits the main clause, that, by advice of Counsel, "and for the rights of the College in succession, they could not think the Archbishop had any devolution to him, without the Master and Seniors' declaratory sentence, though the place had been forfeited ipso facto."

This he omits, and instead of it sends this clause:

~~"Your Grace's offer is most favourable, and we desire not to decline your Grace's election, but humbly submit ourselves to your Grace's Judgment and better interpretation; and if your Grace be not herewithal satisfied, we shall be ready to admit such a person as your Grace shall commend to us."~~

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This clause is *thus* cancelled in the original. I

have it now before me, and the Seniors have seen it; and that is the reason I did not send it to your Grace: for it's plain our remaining Letter is the Foul Draught of the person that was ordered by
 5 Master and Seniors to draw up the said Letter for their Approbation. That clause was refused by them, and cancelled; and reason good, for it both contradicted the precedent clause, (which P—ne villainously omitted), and, besides, said more than the Archbishop,
 10 by his Letter, expected: for he would not *commend to them*, but desired them to *commend to him*.

The second thing I would rightly inform your Grace of, is, that Mr. Parne says that my *Nephew's place ought to have been vacated, because he holds a*
 15 *good College Lease, contrary to the 35th Statute; and we know by what methods he came possess of it.*

To this I answer that it's a notorious Lie, that my Nephew has such a College Lease. The *goodness* will appear by this, that it's for two old Houses
 20 in York, about or under £2 a-year rent. His father (my brother,) bought it of the College, as the highest bidder, when it was lapsed to the College, the prior tenant not thinking it worth renewing. Upon my brother's decease, the widow (my Nephew's Mother,)
 25 had and has now the Lease, as our public records show. And it is so far from a crime in our Statutes to be the son of a College Tenant, that in all elections, by express Statute, such are to be preferred; *ceteris paribus*, before any others.

30 May it please your Grace,—We leave the rest of his Answer to your Grace's Judgment. These two matters of Fact we thought it our duty to inform you of more truly. The date above shows when I

designed this letter; but my own infirmity then, and afterwards the report of your Grace's, (which I am glad was false), delayed it so long.

I wish your Grace many happy new Years, and
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Your most dutiful humble Servant,

RI. BENTLEY.

January 16, 1728.

For HIS GRACE OF CANTERBURY,

at his Palace at LAMBETH,

LONDON.

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CCLVIII.

—— — *Richardus Bentleius* [?].

EPIGRAMMA IN STATUAM JOVIS URII APUD CHISH.

ANTIQ. ASIAT. P. 59, EMENDATUM.

ΟΥΡΙΟΝ ΕΚ ΠΡΥΜΝΗΣ ΤΙΣ ΟΔΗΓΗΤΗΡΑ ΚΑΛΕΙΤΩ

ΖΗΝΑ ΚΑΤΑ ΠΡΟΤΟΝΩΝ ΙΣΤΙΟΝ ΕΚΠΕΤΑΣΑΣ

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ΕΙΤ ΕΠΙ ΚΥΑΝΕΑΣ ΔΙΝΑΣ ΔΡΟΜΟΣ ΕΝΘΑ ΠΟΣΕΙΔΩΝ

ΚΑΜΠΥΛΟΝ ΕΙΛΙΣΣΕΙ ΚΥΜΑ ΠΑΡΑ ΨΑΜΑΘΟΙΣ

ΕΙΤΕ ΚΑΤ ΑΙΓΑΙΗΝ ΠΟΝΤΟΥ ΠΛΑΚΑ ΝΟΣΤΟΝ ΕΡΕΥΝΑ

ΝΕΙΣΘΩ ΤΩΔΕ ΒΑΛΩΝ ΨΑΙΣΤΑ ΠΑΡΑ ΞΟΑΝΩ

ΩΔΕ ΤΟΝ ΕΥΑΝΤΗΤΟΝ ΑΕΙ ΘΕΟΝ ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΠΑΙΣ 20

ΣΤΗΣΕ ΦΙΛΩΝ ΑΓΑΘΗΣ ΣΥΜΒΟΛΟΝ ΕΥΠΛΟΙΗΣ.

Οὔριον ἐκ πρύμνης τις ὀδηγητῆρα καλείτω

Ζῆνα, κατὰ προτόνων ἱστίον ἐκπετάσας.

Εἴτ' ἐπὶ Κυανέας δίνας δρόμος, ἔνθα Ποσειδὼν

Καμπύλον εἰλίσσει κῦμα παρὰ ψαμάθοις·

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Εἴτε κατ' Αἰγαίην πόντου πλάκα νόστον ἐρευνᾷ,

Νείσθω, τῷδε βαλὼν ψαιστὰ παρὰ ξοάνῳ.

ᾠδε τὸν εὐάντητον ἀεὶ θεὸν Ἀντιπάτρου παῖς
Στῆσε Φίλων, ἀγαθῆς σύμβολον εὐπλοΐης.

“URIUM e puppe quis viæ ducem invocet
Jovem, cum rudentibus velum expandit.

5 Seu ad Cyaneos vortices cursus *sit*, ubi Neptunus
Curvum volvit fluctum ad arenas *littoris*,
Seu per Ægei maris æquor reditum quærat,
Proficiscatur, cum ad hanc fuderit liba statuat.

10 “Hic propitium semper Deum Antipatri filius
Posuit Philo, secundæ signum navigationis.”

Urion inclamato Jovem comitemque ducemque

Navita, cum Ventis pandere vela parat.

Sive ad Cyaneas immani in vortice petras

Tendat, ubi horrificis æstibus unda fremit;

15 *Sive iter Ægæi scopulosa per æquora tentet,*

Tutus, ubi huic Statuæ liba sacrarit, eat.

Huncce Deum hic posuit nautis lætabile signum,

Præsidiumque Philo, Filius Antipatri.

NOTÆ.

20 Vers. 3. Εἴτ'.] *Whelerus*, de versu parum sollicitus, voculam hic in marmore scriptam prætermittit: *Sponius* autem ἐστ' exhibet; quod tamen loco minus convenit. *Chishullus* igitur mutata litera legit εἶτ', i. e. εἶτα, *tum*, et recte quidem, quod ad literam attinet, sed ad Poetæ mentem accommodatius mihi videtur εἴτ', *sive*, ut sit εἴτε δρόμος ἐστὶ (vel ἦ) i. e. *sive cursum instituat*; cui consonat εἴτε νόστον ἐρευνᾷ versu 5^{to}. Nempe nautæ prosperum utroque versu iter pollicetur, seu in Euxinum, seu contra in Ægæum navigare velit.

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Vers. 5. Εἴτε.] Apte hoc respondet superiori εἴτ'. Atque ita hic legendum esse ostendit plane *Sponius*, qui male notatis literarum ductibus ineptum illud ΕΠΕ pro ΕΙΤΕ exhibuit. *Whelerus* vero non satis certus Antiquitatis auctor, legit εἴτα, quod *Chishullus* 5 iterum male arripit, et præter Poetæ mentem perperam hoc distichon Latine reddit, *Tum reditum Ægæi meditans*; — nam qua, quæso, meditatione, quove Dei ductu Nauta, qui a Iovis Vrii Fano ad Symplegadas profectus est, ad idem *tum* Fanum per Ægæum 10 redire possit? Mecum vero facit ipse *Chish.* not. 4.

Ib. νόστον.] *Reditum*, proprie: hic autem συνεκδοχικῶς totum iter, prorsum, rursum denotat. Sic νέεσθαι, unde νόστος, utrumque *ire*, *redire*, significat; quin et νοστήσαι interdum (ut in *Hom. Od.* ό. 119. 15 notat *Eustathius*) pro ἀπλῶς ἐλθεῖν ponitur. Antiqui certe Νόστων Scriptores sub eo titulo non reditum tantum, sed totam ab initio navigationem complectebantur. Sic apud *Apollonium* Feminæ prosperum Argonautis iter universum a Diis precantes, νόστου 20 solum meminerunt,

Εὐχόμεναι νόστοιο τέλος θυμηδὲς ὀπάσσαι.

Arg. I. 249.

Ita et Mulieres Lemniæ pro iisdem Argonautis vota faciebant,

25

Εὐχόμεναι μακάρεσσιν ἀπήμονα νόστον ὀπάσσαι.

Ib. 884.

Uno sc. isto verbo, νόστον, itum æque ac reditum comprehendentes; idem enim Iasoni mox explicatius vovet Hypsipyle,

30

Νείσεο, καί σε θεοὶ σὺν ἀπήμοσιν αὐτὶς ἑταίροις
Χρύσειον βασιλῆϊ δέρος κομίσειαν ἄγοντα.

Ib. 888.

Quin et *Euripides* in *Rheso*, 427, ejus e Thracia ad Trojam profectionem solum νόστον appellat; nunquam enim Rhesus rediit, a Diomede ibi interfectus. Hom. Il. κ. 495.

5 Ib. ἐρευνᾶ.] Sic lego, auctore *Sponio*, qui e marmore descriptum exhibet ΕΡΕΥΝΑΙ, cum τῷ Ι scilicet, prisco more, post α adjecto, quod in ἰῶτα postea subscriptum transiit. Sic ΤΙΜΑΙ olim scriptum pro hodierno τιμᾶ, ΑΠΠΙΑΙ pro Ἀππία, et (ut in re notis-
10 sima pluribus supersedeam) hoc ipso in Epigrammate v. 6. ΤΩΙΔΕ ΞΟΑΝΩΙ pro τῷδε ξοάνῳ. Miror igitur hoc *Sponio*, viro Antiquitatis studioso, in mentem non venisse: atque mirandum sane magis erit, si (quod ejus Versio indicare videtur) hic legerit ἐρεύναι,
15 quasi esset Aor. I. Optat. cum ab ἐρευνάω ibi non ἐρεύναι, sed ἐρευνήσαι formetur. *Whelerus* autem, quem sequitur *Chishullus*, habet ἐρεύνων (l. ἐρευνῶν) quod non satis apte convenire videtur cum versu tertio; atque rectius, opinor, legisset ἐρευνῶ, sc. εἴτε δρόμος
20 γένοιτο, εἴτε νόστον ἐρευνῶ. Sed omnino retinendum arbitror ἐρευνᾶ.

Vers. 6. νείσθω.] *Proficiscatur*, fidenter eat. Νεέσθω, πορεύεσθω. Schol. in *Hom. Iliad.* γ. 159. et al. sæpe.

25 Οὐδ' ἐπὶ νηῶν

Νείσονται.

Hesiod. Εργ. καὶ Ημ. 274.

Νεῖσθαι, πορεύεσθαι. Hesych. Sic *Apollonius* supra νείσας proficiscere. *Chishullus* male vertit fac redi,
30 pro fac redeas, seu potius, redeat; νείσθω enim est tertiæ personæ, et nautam quemlibet designat. Sic versu primo τὶς καλείτω. Sed quorsum Nautæ, ut redeat, præcipis, cui nihil magis in votis est, quam ut

incolumis redeat? *νείσθω* vero, ut ante dixi, sonat hic *eat* vel *pergat*.

Ib. *βαλὼν ψαιστὰ*.] Hoc post reditum fieri vult *Chishullus*: ego vero ante iter inceptum; Nauta nempe, invocato Jove, hæc ei *ψαιστὰ*, tanquam *ἐπιβατήρια* 5 offerre jubetur, ut *σὺν θεῷ* salvus ire redireque possit. Sic apud *Apollonium* Iason navem conscensurus *Apolin*em invocat,

Αὐτὸς νῦν ἄγε νῆα σὺν ἀτρεμέεσσιν ἑταίροις
Κεῖσέ τε καὶ παλίνορσον ἐς Ἑλλάδα.

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Arg. I. 415.

Deinde manu tenens *οὐλοχύτας* dicit,

Νῦν δ' ἴθι καὶ τήνδ' ἡμῖν, Ἐκηβόλε, δέξο θνηλὴν,
Ἦν τοι τῆσδ' ἐπίβαθρα χάριν προτεθείμεθα νηός.

His autem dictis, *sacra* confestim porrigit

15

Ἦ, καὶ ἄμ' εὐχολῇ προχύτας βάλε.

Hujusmodi vero *προχύται*, *οὐλοχύται*, *ψαιστὰ* etc. etsi victimarum fere *προθύματα* erant, sæpe tamen, ut hic Jovi, per se sola Diis offerebantur, ob iter sc. terra marive faciendum, aut ejusmodi alia de causa. Nam 20 sicut libaminum (notante *Eustathio*) sic et horum erat *καιρὸς*, οὐ μόνον ὁ κατὰ τὴν θυσίαν, ἀλλὰ καὶ ὁ κατ' ἀρχὴν ὁδοιπορίας, καὶ ἀπόπλου etc. in *Hom. Il. a.* 462. In eo igitur errasse videtur Vir doctissimus, quod verbum *νείσθω* de reditu tantum intelligi posse 25 existimaverit, atque idcirco judicaverit rerum seriem eodem ordine procedere, quo stant in versu verba. At hic, nisi fallor, verus est verborum ordo, *βαλὼν ψαιστὰ τῷδε ξοάνῳ, νείσθω, oblati libis huic Statuæ, pergat ire.*

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Ib. *παρὰ ξοάνῳ*.] Turpiter hic hallucinati sunt Antiquarii ambo: quorum alter, orthographia metro-

que repugnantibus, legit *παρὰ τῷ ζῳάνῳ*, alter multo
 pejus *παρὰ τῷ ἄνω* (Lat. *superne*) quod nec Græci ser-
 monis ratio, nec res ipsa patitur. Eorum utrique, ut
 opinor, erroris causam præbuit prisca literæ ξ forma
 5 non satis intellecta (de qua vide *Montfauc. Palæogr.*
 p. 153, 185, 233, 336). Utcunque vero ea se res ha-
 beat, certissima est hæc sagacissimi *Chishulli* emenda-
 tio, *παρὰ ξοάνῳ*, quam et sequens distichon confirmat,
 et metri ratio plane postulat.

10 V. 7. ᾠδε.] Uterque hic Antiquarius exhibet ᾠδε,
 nulla metri ratione habita, quod τόνδε potius exigit.
 Rectissime vero Vir acutissimus correxit ᾠδε, etsi
 minus recte, *qua*, Latine reddidit, sc. *qua posuit*, pro
hic, vel, *hoc in loco posuit*. ᾠδε. ἐνταῦθα. Hesych.
 15 ᾠδε. ἀντὶ τοῦ ἐνθάδε. Suidas, qui et exemplis rem
 demonstrat.

V. 8. στῆσε Φίλων.] Statuarius scilicet. Sic *De-*
metrius in Myronis Buculam,

ᾠδε Μύρων μ' ἔστησε τὸ βοίδιον.

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Anthol. IV. 7.

et *Argentarius* ibid.

Ὁ πλάστης ᾠδέ μ' ἔδησε Μύρων.

Idem vero fortasse fuit hic Philo, atque ille, quem
 inter nobiles Statuarios numerat *Plinius* XXXIV. 8.
 25 quique a *Tatiano* in *Orat. ad Græcos* laudatur p. 21.
 Ed. Oxon.

6^{to} Cal. Maii, 1729.

CCLIX.

His ita Respondet E. C.

GRATIAS ago huic doctissimo, quicunque is fuerit, Aristarcho, et, quoad τὸ EITE bis, loco τοῦ EITA, reponendum, emendationem facile accipio. Huc etiam ipse prius propendebam, ut ex Nota 4, recte deprehendit Vir eruditissimus. At vero ΕΡΕΥ-⁵ ΝΩΝ quod attinet, vocem illam clare in *Wheleri* apographo exstantem, omnino retinendam censeo: pro qua *Sponius* substituit ΕΡΕΥΝΑΙ, cum, post edita *Wheleriana*, interpretationem inauspicato est aggressus. Jam vero omnia quadrabunt, si modo nova hæc ¹⁰ distinctionum nunc demum habeatur et admittatur ratio.

Οὐριον ἐκ πρύμνης τις ὁδηγητῆρα καλείτω
 Ζῆνα, κατὰ προτόνων ἱστίον ἐκπετάσας,
 Εἴτ' ἐπὶ Κυανέας δίνας δρόμος (ἐνθα Ποσειδῶν 15
 Καμπύλον εἰλίσσει κῦμα παρὰ ψαμάθοις)
 Εἴτε κατ' Αἰγαίαν πόντου πλάκα. Νόστον ἐρευνῶν
 Νείσθω, τῶδε βαλὼν ψαιστὰ παρὰ ξοάνῳ.
 Ὡδε τὸν εὐάντητον αἰεὶ θεὸν, Ἀντιπάτρου παῖς
 Στήσῃ Φίλων, ἀγαθῆς σύμβολον εὐπλοίης. 20

Urion excelsa ductorem e puppe vocato
Nauta Jovem, extenso vela rudente ferens,
Sive ad Cyaneas decurrat (ubi acer arenis
Commiscet tumidas Ennosigæus aquas)
Seu maris Ægæi petat æquora. Dumque redibit 25
Sic eat, huic Statuæ si modo liba dabit.
Ecce Deum hic posuit nautis lætabile numen
Propitiumque Philo, filius Antipatri.

Horum hæc nunc esto Versio. In qua verbum νείσθω

de reditu quidem intelligo: non vero de peracto, uti male me accepit Vir doctissimus, sed de incepto, nec jam finito. Quippe nautam hic alloquitur Poeta, non ex fano Jovis Urii solventem et ad idem iterum re-
 5 deuntem; sed præter illud fanum, Euxinum inter et Ægæum, ultro citroque vela facientem. Monet igitur peregre utrovis proficiscentem, ut in cursu invocet Jovem Urium. Monet eundem domum utrovis redeuntem, ut, parva adhibita mora, liba ad Jovis sta-
 10 tuam profundat. Hoc sibi volunt tria priora disticha. Ultimum nunc lubens verto magis ad mentem hujus Herculis Musarum. Sic enim ex pede ipsum metior, proque accepto habeo, quod qui clava configere potuit, suadela maluit.

15 *Idem proximis literis, Maii 6^{to} 1729.*

Sic capio constructionem Epigrammatis: Ἰστίον
 τὴς κατὰ προτόνων ἐκπετάσας, εἴτε ἐπὶ Κνανέας δίνας,
 εἴτε κατ' Αἰγαίην πόντου πλάκα, δρόμος ἦ, τὸν Ζῆνα
 τὸν Οὐρίον καλείτω. Νόστον δὲ ἐρευνῶν νεέσθω, παρὰ
 20 τῷ ξοάνῳ τῷδε βαλὼν τὰ ψαιστά. Ita inter se recte
 opponuntur δρόμος et νόστος. Δρόμος enim proprie
 navis est proficiscentis, Anglice, *outward bound*: Νό-
 στος e contrario redeuntis, Anglice, *homeward bound*.

E. C.

CCLX.

Baron de Stosch to Dr. Bentley.

A ROME, le 9 de Juillet, N. S., 1729.

MONSIEUR,

VOYEZ les dernières feuilles de la Collation de l'Abbé Rulotta des interlineaires et marginales du MS. Vatican du Nouveau Testament. Je ne suis 5 pas assez Grec pour juger, s'il a bien ou mal exécuté votre commission; une chose je sçay de certain, qu'il a travaillé avec beaucoup d'assiduité, sans que ni les chaleurs ni les vacances lui aient empêché de continuer son ouvrage. Je lui ay promis 40 10 scudi de recompense, lesquelles je tirerai en lettre de change sur le Chevalier Jean Lambert de Londres. Il n'a pas voulu moins, et ne trouvant pas d'autre, qui eut l'accès libre à la Vaticane durant les Vacances, j'ay été obligé de lui accorder les conditions, qu'il a 15 voulu lui-même. Je vous prie d'aviser le dit Sir Jean Lambert, afin qu'il paye la lettre de change mentionnée tirée par moi sur lui. Le même Abbé m'a dit, si vous voulez une autre collation entière, il la fera à 10 scudi de moins que vous avez payé celle 20 que cy ils ont vous avez fait faire. J'ay jugé convenable à accorder au dit Rulotta sa demande des 40 scudi. Car vous pourrez avoir besoin d'autres Collations, et il faudra toujours passer par ce canal, sans quoy on a toujours de difficultés pour la permission. 25 Les Ecrivains de la Vaticane sont plus maîtres de favoriser un homme de lettres, que le bibliothécaire même, comme votre neveu vous le dira.

Si je suis en état, Monsieur, de vous rendre quelque service à l'avenir, je vous prie de me commander, et soyez persuadé, que je serai toujours avec beaucoup d'estime et du Respect,

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Monsieur,

Votre très humble et très obeissant Serviteur,

PHILIPPE DE STOSCH.

A Monsieur, Monsieur D. RICHARD BENTLEY,

Maître du COLLEGE de S. TRINITE'

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de CAMBRIDGE,

à LONDRES.

CCLXI.

RICHARDO BENTLEIO,

SS. THEOL. DOCTORI ET PROF. REGIO,

UT ET COLL. S. TRIN. MAGISTRO DIGNISSIMO,

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VIRO SUMMO, S. P. D. DAVID DURANDUS.

Duos tibi homines, Vir Clarissime, jam sisto, dispare illos quidem et ætate et conditione et vita, sed amicissimos mihi, neque, ut puto, tibi ingratos. Alterum juvenem viventem, et vivacem, eundemque
20 Juris utriusque apud Hamburgenses Doctorem, Thomam Buhrenum, quem nunc Londini commorantem, nunc in vicinia rusticantem, sed mox Athenas vestras deinde et Oxonienses aditurum, non potui, præsertim ab ipso rogatus, sine epistola dimittere. Is enim,
25 quanquam vel plurimum merito tuo te videndi et salutandi desiderio flagret, tum maxime ex meis sermo-

nibus collegit quam dignus sis ea fama et existimatione, quæ ex remotissimis septemtrionibus germana et decora ingenia Cantabrigiam usque alliciat. Quare age, Vir summe, et hominem humanissimum comiter, ut soles, excipe atque in admirationem tui confirmas.

Alterum autem vere Romanum, sed mortuum, scias velim nulla commendatione egere. *C. Plinius* est, avunculus ille et sine controversia Major, *de Auro et Argento*, quem ante hos sex aut quinque annos, una tecum haud oscitanter legimus et recensuimus, ego postea interpretatus sum meo more: in quo si quid inveniatur jam nitoris aut gratiæ, id fere in totum tibi debere se agnoscit lubens et ingenuo ore prædicat: si quid vero rubiginis aut macularum adhuc subest, id mihi vult, non tibi imputari, tam gravibus studiis distracto.

De Præfatione autem a me tentata et suo auctori deaurato, quasi pedisequa, subjuncta, nihil est in præsentiarum: Tu modo, si tanti judicas, vide et interroga: modeste, ut spero, respondebit; imo liberaliter reprehensa, me auctore, emendationem haud detrecabit. Tu interim vale, Vir excellentissime, atque Tibi persuade, nullum omnino hominem esse qui te faciat pluris atque ego facio. Dabam Londini, in Greshamense Collegio, Calendis Sextil. Anni post Chr. Nat. MDCCXXXI.

CCLXII.

Dr. R. Bentley to Mr. R. Johnson.

July 20, 1733.

SIR,

THE time allowed for my Counsel to draw up and deliver in my Plea not giving me any opportunity
 5 of having the Plea sent to me, to review it before delivered in, to see if it was rightly taken from the several Papers of Instructions given: on reviewing it since delivered in, I find that in the Beginning of the 7th Article of my Plea, the year 1719 is put in
 10 instead of 1709; and the words *Morning Prayers*, instead of *Evening*, are therein likewise added; and the word *Sixty* instead of *Fifty* being there likewise made use of by mistake, and some little omission likewise made, I thought proper hereby to acquaint
 15 you now, before your Answer is given in, that I desire my Plea to the said 7th Article may be set right in those 5 or 6 lines it is mistaken; and that my Plea in the said 7th Article, from and after the words, *And the Truth was and is*, to the words,
 20 *as He before had been*, may be taken as hereunder stated:—

“ And the Truth was and is, That the said Dr. Bentley, from the Time of being made Master of the College, and until he was about 50 years of
 25 Age, which was about the year 1709, constantly attended Morning and Evening Prayers in the Chapel; and that from that time the infirmity of his Constitution prevented his attending Morning Prayers

when at 5 or 6 o'Clock in a Morning; but he always attended when Morning Prayers were later, at the Times of celebrating the Sacrament. That from 1709 he constantly attended Evening Prayers, in Summer, till he was about 60 years of Age, which was about the year 1718 or 1719. That about that Time the infirmity of his Age, and a Tenderness contracted by his sedentary and studious Life, prevented his being so constantly at Evening Prayers as he before had been"—

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Instead of the 5 or 6 intermediate lines of the Plea given, wherein the above-mentioned mistakes could not be rectified for want of Time to transmit it to me for a Review before delivered in, which my Counsel assured me they could not, within the few days allowed for drawing it up and delivering it in, possibly do.

I have transmitted a Copy of this to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Ely, and also to the Actuary appointed by his Lordship in London.

RICH. BENTLEY. 20

To MR. ROBERT JOHNSON,
at TRINITY COLLEGE.

For the Reverend MR. JOHNSON,
Fellow of TRINITY COLLEGE,
in CAMBRIDGE,
at the COLLEGE.

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CCLXIII.

Dr. Bentley to — — —.

[Answer to some queries of an Oxford Gentleman, concerning the date of a Persic MS. of the four Gospels, sent from Ispahan, said to be written *Yonane* 1504 and Hegira 589.]

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CAMB., 1735.

The person who sent the MS. could not learn the meaning of *Yonane*, but is of opinion that it is no Epochæ.

Qu. 1. What doth the word *Yonane* mean?

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2. Can it be supposed to be any Epochæ?

3. Will the 1504th year of any such supposed Epochæ concur with Hegira 589?

Answer.

Yonane 1504 doth plainly denote the year of an epochæ so called, answering to Heg. 589, (which was, as you rightly compute, A. C. 1193;) and it seems to me to mean the Greek year according to the æra of the Seleucidæ, which æra began in the year before Christ 312, and hath been ever since used over all the East, as *Prideaux* in his *Connection* observes.

For *Yonane*, or, as *Herbelot* in his *Bibliothèque Orientale* hath it, *Jounan* is the name, by which the Eastern nations called the people of the Greek empire under the successors of Alexander. *Jounan* from the old name *Jones*, who, according to ancient tradition, were descended from *Jon*, or *Jauan*, the son of Japhet. So *Josephus*, (Antiq. I. 6), ἀπὸ Ἰωῴανου

Ἰωνία, καὶ πάντες Ἕλληνες γεγónασι. Accordingly, the sons of Jauan in Zach. ix. 13, are by the LXX. called τὰ τέκνα τῶν Ἑλλήνων, and so our translation: *Thy sons, O Greece.* And thus in Daniel, Melech Jauan is rendered Βασιλεὺς Ἑλλήνων, *the King of Grecia.* So Benjamin the Jew in the 12th Century, just before this MS. was penned: *Tharsis adhuc filiorum Jauanis, quos Græcos dicunt, regno accensetur.* Itinerar. p. 53.

The Greek empire then, as *Herbelot* shews, being ¹⁰ called by the Easterns the empire of *Jounan*, and the several kings, successors of Alexander, Kings of *Jounan*, the Greek Æra likewise was called the Æra of *Jounan* or *Yonane*, i. e. τῶν Ἑλλήνων, 1 Maccab. i. 10. And I think this will be put out of doubt, if ¹⁵ the 1504th year of the Seleucidæ doth appear to concur with Heg. 589, in A. C. 1193.

That year, I confess, (reckoning from the 312th before Christ, when the æra Seleucidarum began) seems to fall a year short, on A. C. 1192, and so not to be ²⁰ coincident with Heg. 589. But this doubt arises only from the different beginnings of the three years in question, and will easily be cleared by an exact state of them. The Julian (which is the Christian) year commenceth, as we all know, on the first of ²⁵ January, and the Seleucidan begins on the first of October; but the Mahometan is every year varying by an anticipation of eleven days, so as in about 33 years to be retroversed through the whole Julian year; all, therefore, to be done in this case, is to ³⁰ shew, that the two last did, in good part concur in the same Julian or Christian year. Now the 1504th year of the Seleucidæ (or *Yonane*) began on October

the first, A. C. 1192, and the 589th of the Hegira began on Jan. 6 following, A. C. 1193, so that they were concurrent very near nine months, from Jan. 6 to Oct. 1, in A. C. 1193. The MS. therefore being
 5 dated *Yonane* 1504, and Heg. 589, must be written some time within the compass of those nine months.

This MS. is a very valuable gift on the account of its antiquity. For though we have here in our public Library three or four Persic Gospels, yet the oldest
 10 of them bears date about 200 years after this. The oldest of the three MSS. used by *Whelock* in his Edition of the Persic Gospels, was that of Dr. *Pocock*, which was afterwards published by Bishop *Walton*, and that bore date only 1341, as is said in
 15 the Preface to *Whelock*, and more expressly declared by *Walton* in his *Prolegom.* c. 16. The next thing to be inquired is, whether yours be a version from the Greek, or (as *Pocock's* was) from the Syriac only.

CCLXIV.

VIRO SUMMO RICHARDO BENTLEIO S. D. P.

20 J. P. D'ORVILLE.

ACCIPIS, Vir doctissime, Vindicias has, meas-
 ne dicam, an tuas, imo omnium in literis humanio-
 ribus primariorum virorum, quas, nescio an hominem
 nomine noveris, extorsit a nobis Joann. Corn. Pauw
 25 petulantissima impudentia? Quin hominem ex merito

multatum sis arbitraturus, non dubito. Unum modo vereor, ne in pejorem accipias forte partem, quod te ulcisci susceperim in homine, cujus in te injurias ipse contentu et silentio vindicandas censueris.

Sed quamvis scirem te canem latrantem jure despexisse, peccare non credidi si meam indignationem publice testarer: præcipue cum tela occepta aliter detexi nequiret. Sed ab æquitate tua humanissima, quam præsens sæpius expertus fui, impetrabo facile, uti spero, ut studium in me tuum et venerationem in hisce potius sis collaudaturus probaturusque. Porro si forte hic illic aberrare tibi visus fuero, obsequiosum habiturus es, si in viam reducere dignatus fueris.

Gratissimus fuit ille nuntius, qui nobis spem nuper fecit Manilianæ a te procurandæ Editionis; confidimus enim sic fore, ut omnis squallor elegantissimo poëtæ detergeatur. Faxit Deus, ut diu multumque de literis bonis velis possisque tam egregium in modum mereri.

Nos, si tanti videatur, ut cognoscas, descriptionem Itineris Siculi nostri molimur: in qua multa monumenta et inscriptiones antiquæ adhuc incognitæ prodeuntur. Hinc vel Theocritum vel Anthologiam seria opera illustrare et ex Codd. antiquissimis et multis emendare, qua licet, aggrediar. His meis conatibus si tu, Vir præcellentissime, faveas, egregie triumphavero.

Vale, Vir celeberrime et doctissime, et me tui nominis studiosissimum habeto.

Amstelædami, ipsis Kal. Augusti. MDCCXXXVII.

A Monsieur, Monsieur RICHARD BENTLEY,

Professeur très Célebre

à CAMBRIDGE.

CCLXV.

VIRO SUMMO RICHARDO BENTLEIO
 OMNIGENA ERUDITIONE AC SOLIDA PIETATE SPLENDIDO
 S. P. D.

JOHANNES LULOFI I. U. ET PHIL. DOCT.

5 E SOC. REG. SCIENT. BEROLIN.

QUOD gravissima tua interpellare sustineam
 negotia, Vir Inclyte, et tua, ut spero, haud ægre
 feret humanitas et mei officii exegit ratio. Scias et-
 enim velim, me egregium tuum ac nostris præsertim
 10 diebus utilissimum opus, quod olim inscripseras a
Confutation of Atheism, in patrium meum, nempe Bel-
 gicum, sermonem transfudisse, ac notulis quibusdam,
 præsertim Physicis et Astronomicis, illustrasse. Rus-
 ticitatis reus forem, si inscio te hocce opusculum, quod
 15 jam sub prelo sudat, in lucem protruissem; licet a
 me impetrare haud possim, ut credam, te illum the-
 saurum, quo hoc tempore non tantum omnium natio-
 num Eruditi, sed et Germani et Galli una cum Anglis
 gaudent, Belgis nostris invisurum.

20 Ad notulas autem quod attinet, illas admodum ne-
 cessarias judicavi, ne opus utilissimum et Philosophis
 satis evidens, inutile foret Belgis rerum naturalium
 cognitione maximam partem destitutis. Haud equi-
 dem ignoro, Vir Clarissime, arduum esse ac difficile,
 25 alterius, præsertim illius, qui in omni scientiarum ge-
 nere consummatissimus existit, dicta notis illustrare,
 inque ejus sensa penetrare penitus, ac plene persua-
 sus sum, te, si notas adjungere hisce orationibus pla-
 cuisset, maturius quid et gravius fuisse daturum.

Sed cum tali thesauro simus destituti, nec ulla spes
 tale quid unquam acquirendi supersit, haud gravate
 feres, spero, quod ego, licet tenuitatis virium mearum
 probe conscius, illud opus in popularium meorum com-
 modum susceperim. Licet autem hocce opusculum in 5
 nostrum sermonem translatum, et notulis quibusdam,
 quæ tibi non omnes, ut opinor, displicebunt, illustra-
 tum sit, tibi tamen soli, Magne Bentleie, jus in illud
 competit; ac proinde obnixè a te peto, ut pro nota
 tua humanitate mihi veniam concedas illud tibi dedi- 10
 candi, quæ venia loco tesseræ ac testimonii erit, quod
 hi mei conatus non penitus tibi displiceant. Nihil
 igitur magis in votis est, quam ut brevi certior fiam,
 quod æquissimæ meæ petitioni annuas. Vale, Vir
 consummatissime, sciasque me nominis tui perpetuum 15
 esse cultorem.

Dabam Lutphaniae in Gelria Prid. Kal. Septemb.
 MDCCXL.

NOTES*.

PAGE 1, *line 1*.—From Trin. Coll. Collection of Original Letters, addressed to Dr. Bentley, and bequeathed by him to his nephew, Dr. Richard Bentley, Senior Fellow of Trinity College and Rector of Nailstone, by whom they were given to Bentley's grandson, Richard Cumberland, and by him to the College. See Cumberland's *Memoirs*, i. 94. Of W. Wotton, see *Monk's Life of Bentley*, i. 9, 10, 20; and *Bishop Otter's Life of Dr. E. D. Clarke*, p. 2, whose great-grandfather Wotton was. Wotton died and was buried at Buxted, Sussex, in 1726, aged 61.

Line 4.—Mabillon *De Re Diplomaticâ*, Paris, 1704, fol. p. 347: "Extat in Bibliothecâ nostrâ Germanensi veterrimus Codex Græco-Latinus ab annis mille scriptus, Epistolas Pauli complectens, prout habet specimen hîc ex adverso expressum in quo Græcos accentus et spiritus primariâ manu ascriptos vides."

Line 5.—Beza MS., or Codex Cantabrigiensis, found in a monastery at Lyons, and presented by Beza to the University of Cambridge in 1581. See *Wetstein Proleg. ad N. T.*, p. 28. *Scholz. s. 39. D. "sec. vii."* Bentley collated this MS., as appears by an entry in his hand in his copy of *Nov. Test. Gr. Lat.*, 1549, in the Trin. Coll. Library, B. 17. 4. "Hic codex collatus est cum MS^{to}. antiquissimo Cantabrigiensis qui olim fuit Theod. Bezæ." The collation is in Bentley's *early handwriting*.

* The abbreviation M. B. signifies, *Bishop Monk's Life of Bentley*, to which, in these Notes, very frequent reference is made. Similarly,

M. C.—*Museum Criticum*.

D. B.—*Mr. Dyce's edition of Bentley's Works*.

C. B.—*MS. notes, by Dr. Charles Burney*.

PAGE 2, l. 1.—‘Alexandrine MS.,’ “the oldest and best now in the world.” (See p. 503, l. 30). Wetstein Proleg. 8: “Agmen ducat Codex Alexandrinus dictus quem a Cyrillo Lucari Patriarchâ C. Pano. dono datum Carolo I. Regi Angliæ Thomas Roe ex legatione Turcicâ redux Londinum attulit sub annum 1628, in Bibliothecâ Regiâ, (now in the British Museum), ad hunc usque diem custoditum.” Cp. Marsh’s Lectures, p. 146 (1828); Porson’s Tracts, pp. 289, 396; Horne’s Introduction, ii. 68—74 (fifth edit.). See p. 502, l. 20, “seculi v^{ti}.” Scholz. Proleg. in N. T., § 39.

Line 15.—St. German MS. of the Epistles of St. Paul (see p. 1, l. 4,) coincides nearly with the Clermont MS.: “Verum ita ut indiciis satis multis se prodât a diverso aliquo codice prodiisse.” Mill. Prolegomena N. T., sect. 1457; and Scholz. Proleg., T. ii. p. xxii. “E. Petropolitanus ol. Corbeiensis dein Sangermannensis codicis Clarmontani Apographum postquam hic plurium correctorum manus jam expertus erat. sec. xi.” Of the Clermont MS. see p. 34, l. 2; and of the supposed coincidence mentioned by Wotton, see Père Simon’s Hist. Crit. du N. T. c. 30; and Baker’s Reflexions on Learning, p. 235.

PAGE 3, l. 20.—N. Heins. Præf. ad Prud., p. 6: “Cum Cantabrigiæ apud Britannos in Collegio Sancti Benedicti miræ vetustatis Codicem Prudentianum asservari Thomas Jamesius testetur, cujus usum anxia nimis et superstitiosa custodum sollicitudo invidit mihi olim cum Britanniæ hanc partem perlustrabam.” The MS. in question was given by Archbishop Parker, and is described by Nasmith (Catal. p. 48), Codex Membranaceus, in folio, seculo xii. exaratus. Heinsius was probably not aware of the necessity for the *anxia sollicitudo* of which he speaks. “The penalty for every leaf of MS. that is missing is 4*d*.; for every sheet 2*s*. If any book or MS. shall be missing, the supervisors may inflict any penalty they please,” &c. &c. Dyer’s Cambridge, ii. 123. See Dr. Lamb’s edit. of Masters’ Hist. pp. 104, 105.

Line 32.—‘*Coedo*,’ so Wotton, for *Cælo*.

Macrobius Saturn. lib. vi. cap. 1. Quos vel ex dimidio sui vel solidos etiam versus ab antiquis Latinis poetis sit mutuatus Virgilius.

PAGE 5, *l.* 18.—At Oxford, as tutor to Bishop Stillingfleet's son, at Wadham College. See Monk's Bentley, i. 18.

PAGE 6, *l.* 1.—These letters from Bentley to Bernard, and the draughts of Bernard's answers to them, which are here printed, are preserved in the Bodleian MSS. Smith. xlv. iv. iii. They were first printed correctly and in their proper order in the Museum Criticum, ii. 535, and following pages; and have been very carefully collated with that transcript for this edition by the Rev. W. JACOBSON, Vice Principal of Magdalen Hall, Oxford. Friedmann has reprinted them, but from Burney's Collection. The VIIIth No. of the Mus. Crit. (in which they are inserted) appeared *after* the publication of Burney's and Friedmann's volumes.

Dr. E. Bernard, of whom Grævius, in his preface to Cicero's Epistles to Atticus, thus writes:—"Vir eximius καὶ πολλῶν ἀντάξιος ἄλλων, Matheseos Oxonii Professor celeberrimus (Savilianus) probitate, doctrinâ, multisque aliis dotibus, mihi et qui eum nôrunt (quis autem paullum humanior eum non nôrit?) carissimus." See Letters from the Bodleian, i. 76; cf. Huet. de Rebus suis, p. 315; Wood's Athenæ, iv. 702.

Postmark of this letter is, "Dec. 28 (1689)."

Line 4.—Dr. Slade, master of the school at Amsterdam, "was seized with apoplexy while travelling by coach from Oxford to London, Friday, Dec. 20, 1689. His body being lodged at a common inn at Wheatley, the first stage from Oxford, was, by the care of James Tyrrill, Esq., and Dr. Edward Bernard, one of the Savilian Professors, conveyed the next day to the Angel inn, in Oxon, where lying till the day following, it was buried in the yard belonging to the church of St. Peter's in the East." Wood Ath. Oxon. ii. 155.

Line 7.—*Voss*, Dr. Isaac, Canon of Windsor, son of Gerard John, and brother of Matthew and Denys Voss. Of his library, see M. B. i. 21. Wood's Fasti, ii. 323: "The best private library in the world." "He died at Windsor(?), 10 Feb. 1688."

Line 9.—Dr. Henry Godolphin, Fellow of Eton College in 1677, Provost in 1695.

Line 19.—'Beverland,' Hadrian, concerning whom Grævius Syll. Epist. iv. 623: "Beverlandius a Præto Leidenſi jussu Ordinum Hollandiæ in carcerem conjectus:" and (p. 626), "libri ejus carnificis manu cremandi; ipso ex Hollandiâ et Selandiâ per

omne vitæ tempus proscripto.” He was Isaac Voss’s executor. In the British Museum MSS., Harl. 3778, are some letters from Beverland to the Earl of Oxford, indorsed “Mad Papers of Hadrian Beverland.”

The two following strange letters from Beverland to Bernard, on the subject of the Vossian Library, have been transcribed from the Smith MSS. in the Bodleian, and communicated by Mr. Jacobson :

“VIRO CLARISSIMO D. ED. BERNARDO, S. P. D.
HADR. BEVERLAND.

“Curatores Academiæ Lugduno-Batavæ desiderant ut simplici-
ter narrationem, quomodo voluistis cum Vossio contrahere, de-
scribas et confitearis clausulam illam, quæ deterruit fraudem
meditantem. Exigunt iidem curatores multo periculosiora, indi-
cemque submittunt librorum mala fide retentorum. Volunt ut
ipse tester an tales libros viderim in bibliothecâ—vidi omnes quo-
rum mentionem faciunt, et jam illi non vident. Valent mille
libris retenti libri. Ne ludibrio sitis posteritati quod ob avaritiam
sivistis hanc bibliothecam transferri et minori pretio vendi illis,
quos Vossius moriens arcebat a suis thesauris. Quare heres tot
labores subivisset ut tot libros transferret Windesora Londinum,
ex Thamesi ad [Covent Garden?] ad legatum Belgicum, iterum-
que ad naves bellicas. Fraus latuit, sed intentio decipiendi Ba-
tavos manifesta est. Vos fuistis cautiores, nolulistis omnes num-
mos simul solvere nisi post biennium, ubi manifestum appareret an
*omnia bonâ fide, sicut inter bonos agi oportet, incepta et finita
essent.* An autem cum Lugdunensibus bonâ fide egerit[is] eventus
docet. Vale, vir candide et Lugdunensibus opitulare. Præstu-
lantur tuum testimonium rite depositum ut levato velo cum eo
agi possit.”—*MSS. Smith. viij. p. 101.*

“VIRO CELEBERRIMO DOM. DOCTORI BERNARDO, S. P. D.
H. BEVERLD. (*sic.*)

“Quærunt a me Curatores Lugdunenses, ut ex vobis inquiram,
an tempore cum offerebatis 2,800 libros pro bibliothecâ Vossianâ,
stipulati quoque fueritis, sub nomine bibliothecæ juxta ultimum
elogium defuncti non separandæ, contineri debuerint omnes co-
dices impressi et manuscripti, præsentés et absentes, commodati
etc., omniaque τοῦ μακαρίτου scripta ad prælum parata?

“2. An eo temporis articulo videritis Th. Brunonis, Gerardi

et Isaaci scripta ad prælum parata? An Etymologici M. ἀντόγραφον vetus? An recens descriptum ἀπόγραφον a Wetzelio?

“Vossii heres Parutæ numismata editionis Palermitanæ 1612 ex bibliothecâ patruelis sui vendidit Dom. Westreno, cujus auctio habita fuit abhinc 3 septimanis Leydæ, et vendita ista editio 100 Flor. digna erat 250. Patini numism. Græca vendita 23 Flor. Nescio an videris illum catalogum: dignus ut ematur. Nunquam per vitam meam tot libros raros legi aut intellexi.

“Vossii nostri heres dixit Doctori Smith Magdel. se velle omnia cum pulvisculo vobis tradere, exceptis Hesychio, Lucretio, Lucilio, atque Martiale. Ille autem infinitos alios retinuit.

“Doctorem Aldens si videris peto ut illum roges an Salvat. Rosæ opuscula mihi mittere velit una cum alia imagine Annib. Carratci.

“W. Davits sculpsit Christum sive Ecce Homo egregie, dixi ut ad te transmitteret exemplar. Auricula ei vellenda est. Vale, vir Doctissime meique rogo sis memor, qui nunquam tui solet esse immemor.’ *Smith. viij. p. 103.*

Line 28.—De Mensuris, Oxon. 1688, 8vo.

PAGE 7, l. 17.—‘*Tabulæ.*’ Perhaps *Tabula Alphabetorum Orientalium et Occidentalium*, by Bernard. See Wood, Ath. Ox. iv. 703.

Line 18.—Dr. John Mill, or Mills, Principal of St. Edmund’s Hall. Wood, Fasti Oxon. ii. 289, calls him John Miln, or Mill.

Line 22.—“My Lord and Mrs. Still.” Dr. Edward Stillingfleet, born 1635, died 1699, Bishop of Worcester. Mr. Still, the son of the Bishop, and Bentley’s pupil at Oxford. The Bishop’s name was often abridged, thus:—“An account of Dr. Still’s late Book against the Church of Rome.” By T. Candish, 1672. 12mo.

PAGE 8, l. 1.—From MSS. Smith, xlv. p. 149.

Line 17.—‘*Etymol.*’ In Vossian Library, 2211. 100. “Etymologicon μέγα longe auctius edito et alius ut videtur auctoris codex fuit Henrici Stephani.” See p. 12, l. 1.

Line 28.—Probably in the design of purchasing Voss’s library.

PAGE 9, l. 1.—‘*Plutarch’s Proverbs.*’ Probably from the Vossian Library. See Catalog. MSS. Angl. II. i. p. 61. p. 2274.

Line 4.—MSS. Smith, xlv. p. 155.

Line 9.—Cic. Tusc. Disp. iii. 26; Hom. Il. ζ' 202.

Line 10.—‘This,’ *sic* Orig. for *there*.

Line 24.—‘Leyden.’ By which, however, in the event, they *were* purchased. A catalogue of them was also made for Archbishop Sancroft. See MSS. Bibl. Angl. II. i. p. 57.

Line 25.—‘Golius,’ Professor of Arabic, Hebrew, and Mathematics, at Leyden: born 1596, died 1667. Bernard went in 1695-6 into Holland, to attend the sale of Golius’s library and MSS., many of which he bought for Dr. Narcissus Marsh, Archbishop of Dublin, who afterwards gave them to the University of Oxford. See Letters from the Bodleian, i. 76. See p. 129, l. 8.

PAGE 10, l. 9.—From MSS. Smith. iv. p. 53.

Line 11.—“ This was a printed specimen of an edition of Hesychius, undertaken at the Hague by John Verwey, a school-master, whose classical title is *Phorbæus*. Mr. Joseph Hill, minister of the English church at the Hague, came to England in search of materials for this edition, and applied, among others, to Bentley. The design was interrupted by the death of Verwey the following year.” Mus. Crit. ii. p. 538; M. B. i. 24. See p. 11, l. 24; p. 130, l. 17; and p. 184, l. 25; and Burm. Syllog. Epist. II. p. 830. Verwey, author of *Via Nova docendi Græca*, was a scholar of Grævius.

Line 14.—‘Commanded’—probably by “his learned and revered friend and patron, Dr. William Lloyd, Bishop of St. Asaph.” Mus. Crit. Ibid.; M. B. i. 23; Phal. p. 154.

PAGE 11, l. 3.—Bentley sometimes writes “Malalas,” sometimes “Malelas.” For the grounds on which he asserts “Malela” to be erroneous, see Ep. ad Mill. p. 342.

Line 12.—M. B. p. 58. See p. 46, l. 17; p. 87, l. 22.

Line 13.—‘The MSS. in your libraryes.’ See p. 46, l. 17.

Line 21.—This letter (like the others here printed of Bernard) is merely the *rough draught* of the one *actually* sent by him; it is written on the back of the preceding letter from Bentley to him.

‘Bentleo:’ *sic* Orig.

Line 24.—‘Pædagogo Hagiensi:’ Verwey. See p. 10, l. 11.

Line 27.—‘Trigam,’ i. e. Hesychius, Suidas et Etymologicum Magnum: in parallel columns, see p. 10, l. 16.

PAGE 12, l. 5.—Bishop Stillingfleet, whose chaplain Bentley was. See p. 13, l. 23.

Line 21.—MSS. Smith. iv. p. 61.

PAGE 13, l. 2.—‘Ignatius *deifer*.’ See Pearson. Vind. Ignat. ii. c. xii. p. 144. Cp. Bernard. Præf. in Barnab. Oxon. 1685.

Line 3.—‘Dodvellus.’ See p. 15, l. 15. Henry Dodwell, the editor of Bishop Pearson’s Opera Posthuma, 1688. This dissertation, of which Bernard speaks, was probably in MS. Or, see his Dissert. in Iren. § 39.

Line 5.—“I cannot supply this hiatus. *Gemmea* and *gravia* have been guessed. The latter it assuredly is not; the former I very greatly doubt.” Note by the collator, Mr. Jacobson.

Line 12.—‘Justino:’ Martyri. Ad Græcos, p. 20. D. See also p. 15, l. 21; and Athenag. p. 283, ed. Bened.

Line 14.—Ep. ad Mill. pp. 256, 357. See p. 22, l. 10. ‘Sophocles,’ quoted as such by Duport; Præf. Gnom. Hom. ad fin.; and Barrow, vol. ii. p. 126, fol.; cp. Dobree, Advers. ii. p. 364.

Line 22.—For *insulæ*, read *infulæ*—‘*infulæ Anglicanæ gloriam*. Bishop Stillingfleet. See p. 12, l. 5; p. 21, l. 18.

Line 24.—MSS. Smith, iii. p. 123.

‘[Febr.]’—the postmark. The year, 1691.

PAGE 14, l. 10.—Aul. Gell. xiii. 28; Kritz. Sallust. Cat. i. 1. 4. On the copula, between *multi* and another adjective, see Kritz. Sall. Jug. x. 102. 10. On *πολλοὶ καὶ καλοὶ*, see Blomf. Æsch. Pers. 249.

Line 17.—Ep. ad Mill. p. 257.

Line 20.—See p. 369, l. 15.

Line 24.—Ep. ad Mill. pp. 243, 399, 396; Lobeck Aglaoph. i. 478.

PAGE 15, l. 17.—Written on the reverse of the preceding.

PAGE 16, l. 27.—‘Grævium.’ Both Bentley and his future correspondent Grævius were known at this time to have the design

of publishing Hesychius. See a letter of Samuel Hoadly (Bishop Hoadly's father) to Grævius. Hoadly's Works, p. lvii. 5 Kal. Sep. 1690—"Mihi per literas significavit te novam moliri Hesychii editionem; ad eamque ornandam gratum tibi fore si Pearsonii Cestriensis ad te curarentur observationes; petiitque a me (D'A-randa) ut in hac re voluntati obsequi vellem. Ego diligenter exquirere si quid harum esset, et ubi latentes deprehendi possent: verum frustrà." Then follows a passage concerning the fate of Bishop Pearson's MSS. (See also p. lvii.) Towards the close of the letter, Hoadly thus writes: "Dissimulandum autem non est *esse quendam, nostratem, nomine Bentley vel Bentham, Græcæ scientissimum, qui affirmat se plus mille certissimas habere ad Hesychium emendationes; quique eum se Londini editurum minatur. Verum nos in hujusmodi rebus festinamus lentè?*" See p. 38, l. 17, and p. 125, l. 11.

PAGE 17, l. 1.—MSS. Smith. iv. p. 15.

Post-mark—Febr. 10.

Line 21.—Ep. ad Mill. pp. 243, 356; Lobeck Aglaoph. i. p. 478.

Line 29.—'Si Grammaticos audis.' Cp. Kidd. Præf. ad Dawes, p. xxxv.

PAGE 18, l. 10.—Ep. ad Mill. p. 356.

PAGE 19, l. 1.—On the reverse of the preceding: from τύπος in p. 20, l. 7, in MSS. Smith, iii. p. 126.

PAGE 20, l. 30.—'Rhodusve.' Plin. vi. 33, de *cupresso* loquens, "Huic ait patria insula Creta, cum Cato Tarentinam eam appellat, credo quod primum eo venerit, et in Ænaria succisa regerminet." Pro Ænariâ Bentleius Epist. ad Mill. p. 476, ed. Lips., legit *Tarra*, et emendationem suam contra hanc Bernardi objectionem defendit. M. C. ii. 545.

PAGE 21, l. 24.—Cp. R. B. Ep. ad Mill. p. 356.

PAGE 22, l. 3.—'Hunc,' *sic* Orig. for *hanc*.

PAGE 23, l. 14.—'Tanquam sorex.' Ter. Eunuch. v. 6. 23.

PAGE 24, l. 5.—‘Oracula Sibyllina.’ Diss. Phal. p. 83.

PAGE 25, l. 29.—Ep. ad Mill. p. 360.

PAGE 26, l. 20.—*For* exorere, *read* exorire.

PAGE 27, l. 20.—‘Regem Comicum :’ “Verba sunt Malelæ τῶν δὲ Αἰγυπτίων ἐβασίλευσε Πετισσώνιος ὁ κωμωδὸς Φαραώ· unde Bentleius eruit ὁ τῷ Μωσεί Φαραώ.” M. C. ii. 551.

PAGE 28, l. 1.—‘Allegat.’ “Auctor vitæ Æschyli apud Stanleium docet tres fuisse principes Tragicos Θεόμιν, Μινῶα, Αὐλέαν, quorum loco Bentleius substituit Θέσπιν, Ἰωνα, Αἰσχύλον, et hanc emendationem præstanti eruditione confirmat.” M. C. ii. 551. See p. 30, l. 12; and Welcker Mus. Philol. Cant. ii. p. 307. See Epist. ad Mill. pp. 299, 331; Diss. Phal. i. p. 323.

Line 31.—See p. 31, l. 15.

PAGE 29, l. 8.—The sequel is from MSS. Smith. iii. p. 127.

Line 9.—Ep. ad Mill. 314.

Line 24.—MSS. Smith. iv. p. 58.

PAGE 30, l. 13.—Ep. ad Mill. p. 301. Correct the typographical error λινοπλυνετς to λινοπλυνεῖς.

Line 31.—Ep. ad Mill. p. 300. Yet Bentley adopts this conjecture. Phal. i. 295.

PAGE 31, l. 2.—Ep. ad Mill. p. 302.

Line 10.—Winer, Gramm. d. N. T. p. 49, ‘ἀναλημφθεῖς,’ κ. τ. λ. ‘Diese Eigenheiten finden sich in mehreren alten aus Ægypten herstammenden Handschriften der LXX. und des N. T. 2 B. Codd. Alex. Vatic. Ephr. rescr. Bez. Boerner.’ Cp. Ep. D. B. ii. 63.

Line 21.—Ep. ad Mill. p. 309.

Line 28.—Αἰδρεῖ: Dobree in a MS. note in his copy of BENTLEII EPISTOLÆ, a Burney.

PAGE 32, l. 1.—Martial. ii. 86, l. 12.

Line 4.—Ep. ad Mill. p. 316.

Line 15.—MSS. Smith. iv. 57.

PAGE 33, *l.* 1.—Bentley was ordained deacon, March 16, 16 $\frac{8}{9}$.

Line 13.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 17.—Mill's edition of the Greek Test. See Ep. ad Mill. p. 361. It was published in 1707. The Editor, who had been thirty years employed on it, survived the publication only a fortnight.

PAGE 34, *l.* 2.—Mill's opinion, therefore, is, that the Beza MS. is a part of the Clermont, not (which seems to have been Bentley's suspicion, see Ep. ad Mill. p. 361,) of the St. Germain's MS.; but John Walker (who had diligently compared both, in a MS. note, inserted in an interleaved copy of the Greek Test., Amst. 1711, p. 36 (now in Trin. Coll. Libr.),) thus writes: "Codex Claromontanus pars est Codicis Bezae:"—"Nihil minus, quod primo intuitu mihi ut utrumque simul vidi patebat. Diversus est numerus linearum in unaquâque paginâ, verborum etiam in quâque lineâ diversus. Liber est Regis Galliarum, ex quo circiter viginti folia hinc illinc furtim excisa sunt in Bibliothec. Comitum de Oxford, quæ vidi." Compare p. 517, *l.* 17: and Taylor's Letter to Dr. Ducarel in Nichol's Liter. Anec. Vol. i. p. 548; Marsh's Michaelis, Vol. ii. P. i. pp. 247, 314; and Vol. ii. P. ii. p. 727. Mill's opinion is expressed in a much more hesitating tone in his Proleg. N. T. pp. 135, 148, ed. Kuster, which hardly authorizes the assertion of Bp. Marsh and Mr. Horne, that "Mill contends that Cod. Clar. is the Second Part of Codex Bezae." That the Codex Bezae is not a part of the St. Germain's MS. see p. 1, *l.* 4.

Line 23.—The three specimens are lithographed on the opposite page.

ΠΑΡΑΛΑΒΕΙΝ ΜΑΡΙΑΜ ΤΗΝ ΓΥΝΑΙΚΑ ΣΟΥ
ΤΟ ΓΑΡ ΕΝ ΑΥΤΗ ΓΕΝΝΗΘΕΝ ΕΚ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΟΣ ΕΣΤΙΝ
ΤΕΞΕΤΑΙ ΔΕ ΥΙΟΝ
ΚΑΙ ΚΑΛΕΣΕΙΣ ΤΟ ΟΝΟΜΑ ΑΥΤΟΥ ΙΗΝ
ΑΥΤΟΣ ΓΑΡ ΣΩΣΕΙ ΤΟΝ ΛΑΟΝ ΑΥΤΟΥ
ΑΠΟ ΤΩΝ ΑΜΑΡΤΙΩΝ ΑΥΤΩΝ

ΚΛΗΤΟΙΣ ΑΓΙΟΙΣ
ΧΑΡΙΣ ΥΜΕΙΝ ΚΑΙ ΕΙΡΗΝΗ
ΑΠΟ ΘΥ ΠΑΤΡΟΣ ΗΜΩΝ

EX CODICE CLAROMONTANO.

ΠΑΥΛΟΣ ΕΥΧΕΤΑΙ ΙΗΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΝ
ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΝ ΕΓΕΓΑΤΟΣ

EX CODICE SAN-GERMANENSI.

ΠΑΥΛΟΣ ΔΟΥΛΟΣ
ΙΗΟΥ ΧΥ ΚΛΗΤΟΣ
ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ ΑΦΩΡΙΣ
ΠΑΥΛΟΣ ΕΥΧΕΤΑΙ
ΙΗΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΝ
ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΝ ΕΓΕΓΑΤΟΣ

Line 28.—‘*Demetrio.*’ St. John iii. Epist. v. 12, at end of p. 656 of the Codex Bezae, after the conclusion of St. Mark’s Gospel (which stands last in the order of the four), are the words,

“ Evangelium scđ Marcū

Explicit.

Incipiunt Actus Aplorum.”

But at the top of the next leaf (p. 657), are the words,

“ Epist. Iohanis.

Qui male facit non vidit dm̄

Demetrio testimonium perhibetur ab omnibus.”

And so on to the end of the Third Epistle of St. John; and at the bottom of the page are the words,

“ Epistolæ Johannis III.

Explicit

Incipit

Actus Apostolorum.”

And the Acts of the Apostles begin on the reverse of the same leaf, *i. e.* in the 658th page.

The leaf 655, 656, seems to me more recent than the rest of the MS., and the writing in p. 656 later than that in p. 655.

PAGE 35, *l.* 8.—Warden of Wadham College.

Line 25.—MSS. Smith. xlv. p. 161.

PAGE 36, *l.* 2.—“ To send a collation of particular passages in Vossius’s MS. of Manilius at Leyden.” M. C. ii. 555; M. B. i. 36, 226, note. Bentley afterwards spoke in very different terms of both Spanheim and James Gronovius; see his note on Hor. A. P. 441, which is directed against “ Gronovius et Gronoviani,” and in which he says, “ Pergat vero, si volet, et plagiarium me insimulet ut et Heroa τὸν μακαρίτην EZECHIELEM SPANHEMIUM.” Cp. Gronov. Præf. Thesaur. Antiq. Gr. x. p. 22; Fabric. B. G. Harles. ii. p. 189.

Line 15.—See note to p. 76, *l.* 27.

PAGE 37, *l.* 10.—From MSS. Smith. xlv. p. 151.

PAGE 38, *l.* 13.—From MSS. Smith. xlv. pp. 147, 148.

Line 15.—‘*Paradis.*’ See Huet. de Rebus suis, p. 341.

Line 17.—‘Hody,’ Humphrey. See Sax. Onom. v. 339. “Theologus et Criticus Oxoniensis hoc anno 1689 contra Historiam Aristæ de LXX. scriptum promulgavit.” He prefixed a Dissertation to Dr. Mill’s *Malalæ Chronica Oxon.* 1691; and was author of a treatise *De Græcis Illustribus*. Born 1659, died 1706.

‘Schoolmaster of Hackney.’ Probably Samuel Hoadly (father of Bishop Hoadly), who first set up a private school at Westerham in 1671; then removed to Tottenham in 1678; thence, in 1686, to Brook-house, at *Hackney*. See p. 16, l. 26. Hoadly had some correspondence with Bernard, in 1690 and 1692, concerning Bishop Pearson’s MSS.

Line 21.—‘Le Crose,’ *sic* Orig. for *La Croze*. See p. 576; Sax. Onom. vi. 136, 674.

Line 22.—See Kidd, Pref. to Porson’s Tracts, p. lxxviii.

PAGE 39, l. 2.—Probably an edition of the *σπρώματα* of Clemens Alexandrinus.

Line 14.—M. B. i. 41; ii. 391.

Line 30.—‘Hobbist.’ See Brewster’s Life of Newton, p. 238.

PAGE 41, l. 16.—The first of the series of letters between Bentley and Grævius, of which see M. B. i. p. 49; and which (with the exception of three letters, Nos. LXXXVIII., XC., and XCVII., which are in the Trin. Coll. Cant. Collection,) are contained in the British Museum Biblioth. Burneiana 373. Plut. clxii. G. Prefixed to the volume containing the Correspondence is the following note:—

“Dear Sir,

“HAMPSTEAD HEATH, *June 21, 1798.*

“If the inclosed papers (which once belonged to Dr. Mead,) may be considered as literary curiosities, they cannot be more properly lodged than in your hands. I therefore beg your acceptance of them, and remain,

“Your most faithful and obedient servant,

“GEO. STEEVENS.

“DR. CHARLES BURNEY,

GREENWICH,

By favour of MR. KING.”

} On an envelope;

On the inside of which is,

“GEORGE STEEVENS, *Esq.,*

with MR. WHITE’S respectful compliments.”

The volume is interleaved, and contains a few MS. notes in the hand of Dr. C. Burney, which the Editor of these volumes has transcribed, and has designated in this edition by the initials "C. B."

J. G. Grævius (*Gräfe*), born 1632, died 1703. Kraft. Epist. Bentr. et al. Selectæ, p. 247. "Multis et egregiis literarum monumentis nomen suum nobilitavit Grævius, et optimè de doctis studiis meruit, ut de emendandis et illustrandis antiquis scriptoribus, de Hesiodo, de Catullo, de Tibullo, de Propertio, de Cicerone, de Floro, de Justino, de Suetonio, de Cæsare. Majora etiam ac pænè stupenda opera condidit Thesaurum Antiquitatum Romanarum, Ultraj. 1694-99, 12 voll. fol. &c. Quanta autem fuerit in Grævio Latinæ orationis facultas, ejus rei testes esse possunt Epistolæ ad amicissimum sibi Bentrleium missæ. Ad tanta Græviani ingenii lumina et laudes non minora accesserunt animi bona, quibus nescio an majorem sibi pepererit admirationem quam bonorum omnium observantiam pietatemque. Nam quicunque de ejus moribus scripserunt, uno ore in eo consentiunt fuisse Grævium animi candore, modestiâ, temperantiâ, facilitate et officio erga omnes, quibus gratum facere posset, ita probatum cognitumque æqualibus suis ut a cunctis diligeretur et mirificè coleretur."

Line 21.—"Cramer; Nescio an Io. Fridericus Cramer [Augustiss. Boruss. Regis Consiliarius Regiminis in Duc. Magdeb.] cujus Inscriptio ad Memoriam Io. G. Grævii edita est in Gruteri Inscriptt. vol. i. p. 16." C. B. Cp. Græv. Præf. Cic. Orat. p. 70.

Line 22.—R. B. Diss. Phal. p. 27; M. B. i. 35. See p. 172, l. 24.

Line 23.—"Librum primum," Londini, 1675.

PAGE 42, l. 1.—Manilius. On Bentley's edition, M. B. i. 57; ii. 396, published at length, Lond. 1739. See Weber, Not. Lit. ad Corp. Poet. Lat. p. xliii.; Stoeber Præf. Manil. p. 9, note.

Line 5.—Concerning the name, age, and country of Manilius. See Weber, l. c. p. xlii. Bentley's own opinion is stated, in the preface to his Manilius, by his nephew, R. Bentley, who superintended the printing of that edition: "Ex hisce igitur omnibus sic demum statuimus; auctorem fuisse alicubi (alicunde) forsitan ex Asiâ peregrinum: verum nomen ejus, cum neque Codd. MSS. neque auctor ipse, neque veteres scriptores hic nos quidquam ad-

juvent, jam erui non posse; eum tamen ad Augusti tempora omninò pertinere." Præf. p. xiv. See p. 76, l. 27.

Line 10.—"Papinianæ Lectiones cultissimum opus et eruditè bene notum." Markl. ad Stat. Silv. Præf. p. xvi. cp. p. xvii. and Fabric. B. L. ii. p. 335, ed. Ernest.

Line 27.—"Casu." R. B. Phal. p. xxviii.; M. B. i. 50.

'Alberto Rubenio.' Son of the illustrious painter, PETER PAUL RUBENS. See pp. 42, 45, 56, 75, 170.

PAGE 43, l. 1.—Bishop Moore. M. B. i. 51, 223. "De eo conf. Davis in Ciceron. Tusc. Quæst. Dedicat." C. B. See p. 197, l. 15; p. 200, l. 29.

Line 7.—The phrase "literæ humaniores," for "classical literature," is not authorized by ancient writers. See Wolf. Mus. Ant. I. i. p. 12; Krebs' Antibarbarus, p. 244. Bentley has introduced into this letter several words for which no good authority could be produced: statuminata—obstetricante—textum; but of these points the candid and learned reader will not expect notice here.

Line 17.—"Epistolæ." Published at Oxford, in June, 1691.

Line 24.—"Plenus."—The word *eram* has been here erased in the original.

PAGE 44, l. 22.—"Lycei, i. e. Academiæ Lipsiensis." Kraft.

Line 24.—"Excerpta." See, on R. B.'s letter to Richter, p. 366.

Line 29.—"Cp. Burmann. Sylloge iv. p. 45." C. B.

PAGE 45, l. 5.—Manil. i. 774.

Line 7.—"Semonibus. Semihominibus, i. e. qui minores sunt Diis et majores hominibus." Kraft.

Line 15.—"Everardi:" sic Orig.

Line 21.—"Lucam Langermannum." "Burm. Syllog. iv. p. 19, 27, 32." C. B. See pp. 56, 26.

Line 24.—"Alberti Rubenii." "Burman. Syll. Ep. pp. 3, 5, 7, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32." C. B.

Line 26.—"Rectius scr. *prela*, a premendo factum. Grotef. Gr. Lat. ii. p. 185." Kraft.

PAGE 46, l. 17.—Bentley's Philostratus. In one of Bentley's

copies of the Philostrati, now in the British Museum, is the following sketch, in his own hand, of what he intended to do for those authors :

“ Prolegomena de Apollonio, Herode, et hac Editione.

“ 1. Philostrati Vita Apollonii Tyanensis Richardus Bentleius emendavit et Latinum Versionem infinitis locis ad Græcum exemplar correxit.

“ 2. Eusebius contra Philostratum cum Emendationibus Lucæ Holstenii et Richardi Bentleii.

“ 3. Apollonii Epistolæ LXXX. Gr. et Lat. cum Em. R. B.

“ 4. Philostr. Ep. LXVII. C. Emend. R. B. et MSS.

“ Accesserunt viii. ex Editione Jo. Meursii cum Inter. et emend. R. B.

“ 5. P. Heroica Coll. c. Codd. MSS. et emend. a R. Bent.

“ 6. Philost. Epigram. C. Imag. Telephi Vulnerati, Imaginum Libri Duo Coll. cum MSS. Codd. et emend. R. B.

“ 7. Philost. Jun. Im. Lib. cum MSS. Codd. et em. R. B.

“ 8. Callis. Statuæ cum em. R. B.

“ 9. Philost. Jun. Vitæ Sophist. cum MSS. Codd. Coll. et em. R. B.

“ 10. Eunapii Vitæ Phil. et Soph. cum em. R. B.

“ Vita Libanii C. MSS. Codd.

“ 11. Indices Gr. et Lat. Accuratissimi et Locupletissimi.”

See p. 87, l. 22.

Line 23.—“ *Versio* interpretatio, *vertere* interpretari veteres nunquam dicunt—qui semper addunt ex Græco in Latinum.” Kraft.

Line 24.—See on the edition of Callimachus, M. C. ii. 149; M. B. i. 52.

Line 25.—Coepit. “ Rectius *coeptus* est mandari. Ramsh. § 168.” Kraft.

Line 29.—Nullus dubito. Krebs’ Antibarbar. p. 329. “ Grævius liebte besonders *nullus dubito* zu sagen, was auch die Neuer treulich nachahmen, und doch giebt es davon beim den Alten kein Beispiel.” But see Ramshorn, § 208, 42; Zumpt, § 688.

PAGE 47, l. 8.—The following papers, now in the Trin. Coll. Collection, were addressed (the former of them, *directly*, the latter through the *medium* of Mr. Wotton) by their respective authors to Bentley, when he was preparing his Boyle Lectures, the

delivery of which was the occasion of his correspondence with Sir Isaac Newton:—

[*The following are Newton's Directions.*]

“Directions from Mr. Newton, by his own hand.”—[R. B.]

“Next after Euclid's Elements the Elements of the Conic Sections are to be understood. And for this end you may read either the first part of the *Elementa Curvarum* of John de Witt, or *De la Hire's* late treatise of the Conick Sections, or *Dr. Barrow's* Epitome of Apollonius.

“For Algebra, read first *Barthin's* Introduction; and then peruse such Problems as you will find scattered up and down in the Commentaries on *Cartes's Geometry*, and other Alegraical (*sic*) writings of *Francis Schooten*. I do not mean that you should read over all those Commentaries, but only the solutions of such Problems as you will here and there meet with. You may meet with *De Witt's Elementa Curvarum* and Bartholin's Introduction, bound up together with Cartes's Geometry and Schooten's Commentaries.

“For Astronomy, read, first, the short account of the Copernican System, in the end of *Gassendus's Astronomy*, and then so much of *Mercator's Astronomy* as concerns the same system, and the new discoveries made in the heavens by Telescopes in the Appendix.

“These are sufficient for understanding my book: but if you can procure *Hugenius's Horologium Oscillatorium*, the perusal of that will make you much more ready.

“At the first perusal of my Book, it's enough if you understand the Propositions, with some of the Demonstrations which are easier than the rest. For when you understand the easier, they will afterwards give you light into the harder. When you have read the first 60 pages, pass on to the 3rd Book; and when you see the design of that, you may turn back to such Propositions as you shall have a desire to know, or peruse the whole in order, if you think fit.”

[*The following Directions* are from Mr. James Craig, the Scotch Mathematician, of whom La Croix says, Biogr. Univ. x. p. 169, that he was ‘le premier qui fit connaître en Angleterre, fort imparfaitement à la vérité, le calcul différentiel, tel que l'avait conçu *Leibnitz*.’ It is remarkable that he applied it, as Bentley did

the Philosophy of Newton, to Theological purposes,—but with very different success.]

“ WINDSOR, 24 June, 1691.

“ SIR,

“ I would have sent you this line before this, if I had thought you had returned from Cambridge. You may tell your Friend that nothing less than a thorough knowledge of all that is yet known in the most curious parts of Mathematicks can make him capable to read Mr. Newton's book with that advantage which I believe he proposes to himself. Upon this account, then, it may justly seem a very undecent piece of vanity to undertake to give a method for reading a book that involves so much in it, and so far above my strength; however, in compliance with your desire, I shall give you that which appears to me to be the shortest and most proper method for such an end.

“ Next to Euclid's Elements, let him apply himself to the Conick Sections, for which he need only read *De Witt's First Book De Elementis Linearum Curvarum*; but let him not meddle with the Second, which treats of the *Loca Geometrica*. After he has made himself Master of the Conick Sections, he must read some good System of Algebra: I know none better than *Jo. Prestet's Elémens des Mathématiques*, especially if he can get the new edition: here it is absolutely necessary to be constantly exercising himself in the resolving of Problems; but let him forbear meddling with any geometrical Problem, until he be entirely Master of all the precepts of common Algebra; afterwards he may look over *Wallis, De Beaun, Fermott, Hudden*, and pick out several things which he will scarcely meet with in Prestet, or any one System. When this is done, the great difficulty of the work is over: this is the foundation of all; and, therefore, he must not grudge to bestow more time and application upon it, than, perhaps, he would willingly allow, if he knew how much of both are requisite. I must not forget to desire him to have a care not to begin with Kersey's Algebra, which is apt (by its pompous bulk and title,) to deceive new beginners, as sad experience has taught myself. I can assure him there was never a duller book writ; and, as far as I can judge, there was never a man who pretended to write of Algebra that understood the design of it less than Mr. Kersey did: but, to do him justice, he treats the Arithmetical part of Algebra (both as to rational and Surd Quantities,)

in a very plain, full, and clear method. The prodigious loss of time which this unlucky book made me sustain (when I had no guide to direct me in my studies of this kind,) drew this severe character of Mr. Kersey from me; and I doubt not but this advertisement will be of some use to your friend. When he is thus well instructed with the Elements both of Geometry and Algebra, he must study the use of both, which consists in these two things, viz. the inventing of Theorems and resolving of Geometrical Problems; for which end he must begin with *Cartes his Geometry*, reading only the first and third book; but let him forbear the second till such time as he perfectly understands the first and last, which is Cartes his own advice in one of his Letters, and, indeed, the nature of the thing shows it should be so. This will give him a vaster idea of Geometry and of the great use of Algebra than is possible for me to express, or for one that has not read it to imagine. In the next place, let him peruse diligently *De Witt's* second book, which treats of the *Loca Geometrica*; and immediately after that read Cartes his second book, which treats of the same subject: and because the method of Tangents is the chief part of this 2nd book, and, indeed, of all his whole Geometry (as he himself confesses), let him read *Slusius his Method*, which he'll find in *The Philosophical Transactions*; *Dr. Barrow's Method*, which he'll find (if I remember right,) at the end of his 10th *Geometrical Lecture*; and *Mr. Leibnitz his Method*, which he'll find in the *Acta Eruditorum*, which is the best of all; for by these four (not to mention several others of less note,) various methods he will become master of this famous Problem, which, of all others, is of the greatest use in the solution of the hardest Problems in Geometry. Here it will be again necessary to exercise his pen much in the solving of Geometrical, as before in the solving of Arithmetical Problems; which he may furnish himself with out of any books that are by him, particularly out of *Vieta*, *Reinaldini*, *Henderson*, *Schooten*, *Kersey*, &c.; but he must keep close to Cartes his General Method, and make no other use (as yet) of those books, but only to provide himself with good store of Problems.

“ Another great Invention, which has extremely promoted Geometry in our Age, is the Method of Indivisibles. Wherefore, in the next place, let him read the famous *Cavalieri* on that subject, who is, if not the Inventor, yet, at least, the great

Restorer of that Method. After him must be read *Dr. Barrow's Geometrical Lectures*, who has carried that Method further than any, and who will inform him with more excellent and universal Theorems than any book that has been written in this Age. When your friend has gone so far, he needs not be much solicitous in what order he read any book of pure Geometry or Algebra, but may take them promiscuously as they come to his hand; for scarce any thing will occur which he will not be able to overcome: but the books that I think will be most worthy of his application are, *Archimed* and *Apollonius* his works of Dr. Barrow's edition; *Slusius* his *Mesolabium*; *Vieta*; *Gregorius a Sancto Vincentio*; *Mr. James Gregory's Works*; *Hugenius* his *Horologium Oscillatorium*; *La Hire* his *Conick Sections*; and *Techrinhaus* his *Medicina Mentis*: but in this last, as also in *Archimed* and *Hugenius*, he must pass over all that is not pure Geometry or Algebra.

“Then he must advance to those parts that are of a more compounded nature, and which have a more immediate Relation to Mr. Newton's book. First, then, he must read with a great deal of care *Galileus* his works *De Motu*; in reading of which he will find vast help from *Dr. Barrow's five first Lectures*. Then he must read *Torricelli's book de Motu*, who carries on *Galileus* his design. He will find also much to the same purpose in *Gassendus*, *Hugenius*, and *Mersennus*; after them he must read *Mariot*, who treats of the *Laws of Motion*; then let him read what *Sir Christopher Wren* and *Dr. Wallis* hath printed in the *Philosophical Transactions* concerning the said Laws; after this it will not be amiss to read *Dr. Wallis* his *Mechanicks*, but he may pass over all that part *De Calculo Centri gravitatis*. There are several things in *Mr. Hobbes De Motu* which will be of some use to him: and indeed, without a good understanding of what these Authors have already written concerning Motion, it is simply impossible to understand this unparalleled book of Mr. Newton's, which treats of nothing else but Motion, but in such a manner as tends to the perfecting of Philosophy, and particularly that part of it which relates to the motion of the Stars and Planets. Therefore, in the next place, your friend must make himself perfect in Astronomy, in studying of which let him begin with *Jacquet*; for though he follows a false Hypothesis, yet none has treated this matter in so clear and full a method. But here

I suppose your friend to be skilled in Trigonometry (both plane and spherical, for which *Norwood* first, and *Ward* afterwards, are to be read,) and the use of the Sphere. When he has done with *Jacquet*, let him get *Kepler*, *Bulliald*, *Seth Ward*, *Mercator* and *Gassendus*, and *Copernicus*, who ought to have been first mentioned: by the help of these he will have a perfect understanding of the state of Astronomy as it was before Mr. Newton published his book; which he might safely now begin with, were it not for some collateral things which he brings in from the Opticks, Hydrostaticks, &c. For the Opticks he must read *Cartes*, *Ja. Gregory*, *Dr. Barrow*, *Honoratus Fabri*, and *Jacquet*; and till he hath read these, he must pass over what *Cartes* speaks of his Ovals in his 2nd book of his Geometry. For Hydrostaticks, he must read *Archimed* and *Borelli*, and something which he'll find in *Dr. Wallis* his *Mechanicks*. And because much of Master Newton's book refers to the Quadratures of Figures, he must read what has been written on this subject by *Dr. Wallis* and *Mr. David Gregory*.

“ Here, you see, is a vast deal to be done, even enough to discourage a man whose inclinations have not a great bias this way; but he that seriously considers the real pleasure and advantage that arises from this, and (if I be not mistaken) only from this kind of study, will not be disheartened either by the tediousness or difficulty that attends it; but my business was not to persuade, but, as far as I am able, to instruct your friend in what Order he ought to proceed in this matter; which I have done with all the care and exactness that was possible. And if this shall chance to be of no use to him, yet I shall not fail entirely in the end for which I writ it, which was to shew my readiness, at least, to serve you, for whose sake there is nothing that I will refuse to do that lies within the compass of my power, though it were even to the discovery of my own weakness and ignorance, which, perhaps, I have sufficiently done already; and, therefore, shall add no more, but that I am and ever shall be,

“ Your most real friend and humble servant,

“ JO. CRAIGE.

“ For Mr. WILLIAM WOTTON,

Chaplain to The EARLE OF NOTTINGHAME,

at CLEVELAND-HOUSE,

LONDON.”

Line 9.—It is remarkable, that, before the publication of Sir David Brewster's Life of Newton, this and the three subsequent letters (pp. 57, 62, 69,) of Newton to Bentley had not been employed to refute the statement on which so much stress has been laid by M. Biot, La Place, and others:—"On the 29th May, 1694, M. Colin, a Scotsman, informed me, that 18 months ago the illustrious Geometer, Isaac Newton, had *become insane*, in consequence of his too intense application to his studies, or from excessive grief at having lost by fire his chymical laboratory and several MSS." (Huygens's Journal in the Leyden Library). Sir D. Brewster, p. 230, observes, "It is a most important circumstance, which Biot ought to have known, that, in the *very middle* of this period (of 18 months), Newton wrote his four celebrated letters to Dr. Bentley on the Existence of a Deity: letters which evince a power of thought and a serenity of mind absolutely incompatible even with the slightest obscuration of his faculties. No man can peruse these letters without the conviction that their author then possessed the full vigour of his reason. His mind was, therefore, strong and vigorous on these *four occasions*; and as the letters were written at the *express request*" (see p. 47, l. 16; p. 49, l. 14; p. 51, l. 27; p. 52, l. 27; p. 62, l. 7,) "of Dr. Bentley, who had been appointed to deliver the lecture founded by Mr. Boyle, we must consider such a request as shewing *his* opinion of the strength and freshness of his friend's mental powers."

Newton has dated the first letter 1682, instead of 1692.

Cumberland's Memoirs, p. 12: "I was possessed of letters in Sir Isaac's own hand, to my grandfather, which, together with the corrected volume of Bishop Cumberland's Laws of Nature, I lately gave to the library of that flourishing and illustrious college."

For an abstract and some illustration of these letters, see Brewster's Life of Newton, p. 285.

PAGE 53, l. 4.—'Patina.' Cp. Ep. ad Mill. p. 248.

Line 24.—'Auctor.' "Et *auctor* et *autor* vel in hac ipsa Epistola exhibet manus Bentleii." C. B.

PAGE 54, l. 4.—Callim. Ep. 29, p. 210, Grævii; p. 304, Ernesti.

PAGE 55, l. 4.—Bentl. Callim. ii. p. 13, Ernesti. The true reading of the second line is,

μή σοι μηνίσῃ πικρὸν ἐπ' Ἀγεσίλας.

as has been ascertained by more recent examinations of the inscription which still exists on a slab in the walls of the church τοῦ Σταυρωμένου, at Axos, in Crete. See Pashley's Crete, i. p. 152.

Line 16.—Hesych. p. 45; Alb. Etym. M. pp. 8, 32, Sylburg.

Line 17.—Callim. L. P. 130.

Line 23.—Epist. xiii. 44.

Cp. Bentley on Lucan. iii. 250. Carmanosque duces—"Egone ut tales Duces jam provectâ ætate patiar qui juvenis non passus sum Parin Alexandrum *Ducem* vocari, sed in Epistolâ ad amicissimum quondam Grævium verba Laodamiæ ad verum redegi. Ovid. Heroid. xiii. 'Dux Pari &c.' Quippe ex apertâ Homeri imitatione legendum vidi *DUSPARI Priamide*."

PAGE 56, l. 12.—See F. A. Wolf. on Bentley's letter to Richter (p. 366, l. 13), Analect. i. p. 90. "Insignem Manilii Codicem Lipsiensem in Bibl. Paullinâ ad Aristarchi Cantabrigiensis usum conferre cœperat A. 1693, Joa. Fre. Fellerus; huic Fello in eâdem operâ successit juvenis ille (Richter)."

Joach Feller delivered in 1676 an oration "de Biblioth. Acad. Lips. Paullinâ;" and published a catalogue of the same library in 1686 and 1704.

Line 26.—Lucas Langermannus had travelled with N. Heinsius into Italy, and had, it would seem, collated this MS. at Florence. See above p. 45, l. 21.

PAGE 57, l. 15.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 59, l. 1.—'Parallogism;' and p. 59, l. 11, 'Parallogisms,'—*sic* Orig.

PAGE 62, l. 10.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 64, l. 2.—From the British Museum Addit. MSS. 6911, p. 34; D. B. ii. p. 210. Of this letter see M. B. i. 53, 85; Bentley's Appendix to Wotton's Reflections on Modern and Ancient Learning, D. B. ii. 206; M. C. ii. 405. Barnes has attempted a reply to it in his Euripides, p. xxvii. and p. 523 (vol. ii. p. 498,

ed. Beek.); to which reply Bentley alludes, Dissert. on Epistles of Euripides, pp. 206, 210. See Porson's Tracts, p. 313.

Line 15.—'A late'—Sir William Temple. On Ancient and Modern Learning, in his Miscellanea, Lond. 1690, p. 60. Leibnitz's letter to Burnet, in F. A. Wolf's *Analect.* i. p. 18, note.

PAGE 65, *l.* 27.—Diss. Phal. i. p. 83.

PAGE 66, *l.* 15.—D. B. ii. p. 215.

Line 23.—D. B. ii. p. 215.

PAGE 67, *l.* 15.—Hesiod, W. & D. i. 126.

Line 19.—D. B. ii. 217.

Line 26.—Ter. Andr. i. 3. 20.

PAGE 68, *l.* 10.—D. B. ii. 219.

PAGE 69, *l.* 5.—From Trin. Coll. Collection. See note to p. 47.

PAGE 74, *l.* 13.—The preceding Correspondence, occasioned by the Boyle Lectures, may be well closed with the following paragraph, which does great honour to Newton and to Bentley, and to the writer, Roger Cotes (*Præf. ad Newtoni Princip. ed.* 1713):—

“Extabit igitur eximium NEWTONI opus adversus atheorum impetus munitissimum præsidium: neque enim alicunde felicius, quam ex hac pharetra, contra impiam catervam tela deprompseris. Hoc sensit pridem, et in pereruditis concionibus Anglice Latineque editis, primus egregie demonstravit vir in omni literarum genere præclarus idemque bonarum artium fautor eximius RICHARDUS BENTLEIUS, seculi sui et Academiæ nostræ magnum ornamentum, Collegii nostri S. TRINITATIS Magister dignissimus et integerrimus. Huic ego me pluribus nominibus obstrictum fateri debeo: huic et tuas quæ debentur gratias, lector benevole, non denegabis. Is enim, cum a longo tempore celeberrimi auctoris amicitia intima frueretur (qua etiam apud posteros censi non minoris æstimat, quam propriis scriptis, quæ literato orbi in deliciis sunt, inclarescere) amici simul famæ et scientiarum incremento consuluit. Itaque cum exemplaria prioris editionis rarissima admodum et immani pretio coëmenda superessent; suasit ille crebris efflagitationibus, et tantum non objurgando perpulit denique virum præstantissimum, nec modestia minus quam eru-

ditione summa insignem, ut novam hanc operis editionem, per omnia elimatam denuo et egregiis insuper accessionibus ditatam, suis sumptibus et auspiciis prodire pateretur: mihi vero, pro jure suo, pensum non ingratum demandavit, ut quam posset emendatè id fieri curarem."

Line 15.—The letters of *Bentley to Evelyn* were preserved by the latter, and were long in the possession of the Evelyn family at Wotton. They are now in various hands.

The draughts of *Evelyn's Letters to Bentley* are contained in one of several MSS. volumes in folio, still at Wotton, in which Evelyn was in the habit of making the *first rough copy* of his letters. This volume is labelled "Epistolarum Liber Quartus, 1679—1697," and has the following preliminary notice in Evelyn's own hand:—

"Epistolarum 1679—1697. Lib. Quartus.

"I did not enter any of these Letters, or what are copyed in two other volumes, with the least intention to make them public, but for my own satisfaction, and to look now and then back upon what has past in my private concerns and conversations, many of them being impertinencies, and, therefore, may be disposed of as my Heirs think fit. "EVELYN.

"15 Nov. —99."

The liberty of inspecting this volume, and other similar documents at Wotton, and of making transcripts from them, has been most obligingly granted to the Editor by the present Proprietor of Wotton, and Representative of the ancient and respected family of the accomplished, learned, and pious John Evelyn.

Line 16.—This letter was formerly at Wotton; thence it passed into the hands of Wm. Upcott, Esq.: it is now in the possession of Mr. Macpherson, bookseller and publisher. It is a reply to a letter (now at Wotton) of Evelyn, which came to my knowledge too late to be inserted in the text, but is here given, as follows:—

"DOVER-STREET, 3rd March, 169 $\frac{2}{3}$.

"To Mr. BENTLEY, Chaplain to the BISHOP OF WORCESTER, first Preacher of Mr. BOYLE'S LECTURES, &c., for the settling of which I was one of the Trustees.

SIR,

"The circumstance which detained me from home some months the last summer in the country, deprived me of an enter-

tainment which you more than half promised you would not only favour me, but gratify the public withal, by causing to be printed your two last discourses on the subject you had so happily begun, and raised so solid a superstructure on, as we must despair of seeing finisht (by anything we have hitherto found attempted,) but by the same Master Workman who laid the Foundation.

“ Deprive not, then, your Friends of what is wanting of making up a Just Treatise, valuable above so many volumes. It is Mr. Pepys’s, and with him my humble and joint Request, that you will oblige the World and us with the Publication; and we languish till you give us some assurance of it.

“ I am, Sir, with much respect,

“ Yours, &c.

“ J. E.”

Line 17.—See Pepys’s *Memoirs*, v. pp. 184, 187, 205. “ We drink Mr. Bentley’s health, and wish his library finished, that we may have the sermon he has promised us.” Cp. Evelyn to Pepys, July 7, 1694; and Pepys’s reply (p. 206) Aug. 10, 1694: “ Mr. Bentley is still, I believe, at Worcester, and a great man wherever he is; but it is winter only that will help us to any good tidings, either of his Library or his Lectures.” Of the Library, see p. 152, l. 15.

Line 19.—The first course of Boyle Lectures preached by Bentley: the first six of which were printed in 1692, the last two in 1693. D. B. iii. p. v.; cp. Evelyn’s letter to Archbishop Tenison, 29 May, 1694.

PAGE 75, l. 15.—“ Epistola Dedicatoria præmissa Alb. Pet. Paulli Rubenii Dissertationi de Vita Flavii Mallii Theodori, V. C. Quæstoris sacri Palatii, Com. S. L. Præfecti Prætorio Galliarum, Præfecti Prætorio Italiæ, Illyrici, V. Cos. Ordinarii, ex Gulielmi Brædelet Officinâ, 1694.” C. B. cp. M. B. i. 49, 58, 100, 118; Diss. Phal. p. xxvii.

Of the obloquy to which Bentley was exposed in consequence of this Dedication, see p. 70, l. 25; Bentr. Præf. Dissert. Phal. pp. xxvii. xxx. See also in this Collection p. 45, l. 25.

Line 21.—‘ Publice ’—“ imo palam.” Kraft.

Line 24.—The antiquarian dissertations of Albert Rubens (son of the great P. P. Rubens,) were first published, after the death

of the author, by Grævius, Ant. 1665, 4to., and a second time in his Thes. Ant. Rom. Voll. vi. & xi.

PAGE 76, l. 6.—‘Adversariorum:’ especially Ottavio Ferrari, of Padua, who published Exercitationes ad Rubenium sive Analecta de Re Vestiaria. Pat. 1670.

Line 11.—‘Ac elimare’—“Neque ante vocalem neque ante litteram *p* ponendum est *ac*.” Kraft. Cp. Hand. Tursellin. i. p. 454.

Line 21.—‘Casp. Gevartio—familiariter.’ Græv. ad Cic. et Offic. c. 34. “Vir eruditissimus, et quondam juventutis nostræ fautor eximius Caspar Gevartius, cujus tota domus et posteritas æstate superiore (1666) fungorum esu una die periit Antwerpiae, funesto et posteris memorando exemplo.”

Line 26.—‘Ætate:’ not in Orig.

Line 27.—In the library of Trin. Coll. is a copy of Manilius (ed. Plantin. 1600, 4to.) once the property of Joseph Scaliger, and afterwards of Richard Bentley. It was presented to the College in 1840, by the Rev. James Brogden, M.A., of Trin. Coll., by whom it was purchased at Mr. Heber’s sale. It contains many annotations on the fly-leaves in Bentley’s handwriting, evidently of the same date as these two letters to Grævius. On the margins are collations of the following MSS., thus described by Bentley:—

β. M^{stus}. Edvardi Bernardi S. T. P.

χ. Coll. Corp. Christi, Oxon.

θ. Cod. Is. Vossii.

δ. M^{stus}. ad Oram Ed. Bonon.

α. Cod. P. Pithæi Luyerii ad Oram ed. Scalig. 1600.

M. Cod. Veterrimus Lipsiensis in Bibliothecâ Paullinâ.

H. Codex Venetus cujus lectiones a Gronovio accepi.

δ. Pithæi eundem esse suspicor cum Vossiano, nam ferè conveniunt.

γ. MS. Gemblacensis a me denuo collatus.

π. MS. Palatinus ex notis Fr. Junii.

On the fly-leaf, among other remarks on the age of Manilius, quoted from Vossius and Gevartius, Bentley thus writes: “Ex infinitis locis constat hunc Manilium Augusti sæculo vixisse—sic 103 [iv. 659]. Rhodus hospitium *recturi* principis Orbem, sc. Tiberii.”

PAGE 77, l. 5.—Lucret. i. 23.

Line 17.—Bentley, Diss. Phal. Pref. p. xxx., quotes, “subtexuisti.”

PAGE 78, l. 17.—Cp. p. 82, and P. D. Huet. de rebus suis, p. 408. “Nomini nostro tum impensè favebat Grævius, neque ullam nostram vel levissimam scriptionem patiebatur interire.” Huet’s character of Grævius; and an account of their literary friendship occurs, *ibid.* p. 299.

PAGE 79, l. 28.—‘Clavis:’ “Quintil. viii. 5, 28.” C. B.

PAGE 80, l. 17.—Ov. Amor. iii. 9, 23.

PAGE 81, l. 1.—‘Avienus:’ Desc. Orb. Terr. 187; Wernsdorf. Poet. Lat. M. pp. 746, 932.

Line 4.—‘Priscianus:’ Perieg. v. 127; Add. v. 537.

Line 8.—“Theocritus, Id. iii. 31; Eustath. Il. γ’. p. 412, 42; Ed. Rom. 313, 5; Il. σ’. p. 1162, 23—1220, 40.” C. B.

Line 18.—‘Laudatio:’ Upsalæ, 1693.

‘Theodulo Monacho.’ See Dr. Blomfield, Quarterly Review, XLIV. p. 307; Hebenstreit Dict. Edit. p. 236, 59.

Line 23.—‘Laurentius Normannus’—Theologian and Philologer, of Upsal, Bishop of Gotenburg; died 1703.

Line 30.—Gisbert Cuper, Philologer and Archæologer, of Deventer, in a letter to the Abbé Nicaise, thus writes:—“J’employe le peu de tems qui me reste à illustrer mes Inscriptions Anecdotes. Les *Asiarches* et les *Neocores* m’occupent à cette heure.” Born 1644, died 1717.

PAGE 82, l. 20.—“Huetius Petrus Danielis, Cadomensis (*Caën*), Episcopus Abrincensis” (*Avranches*), published Origeniana; Demonstratio Evangelica; Manilius; Paradis Terrestre; Navigatio Salamonis; Histoire du Commerce des Anciens; and other works. Born 1631, died 1721.

PAGE 83, l. 19.—‘Noricensi:’ *sic* Orig.

PAGE 85, l. 10.—Epig. xl. p. 212, ed. Gr.; p. 306, Ern.

Line 16.—Epig. xlix. p. 220, ed. Gr.; p. 317, Ern.

Line 18.—"De hoc versu silet Noster; confer quæ memoriâ deceptus Grævius in Proœmio ad Callim. p. 6 dixit, et quæ Bentleius in Præf. ad Dissert. de Phal. [p. xxx. Dyce]. Versum emendat Van Eldik ap. Valek [p. 82]; Callim. Eleg. Frag. Luzac. 1799." C. B. See p. 160, l. 10.

PAGE 86, l. 10.—P. 222, Gr.; p. 313, Ern.

PAGE 87, l. 9.—'Episcopus Bathoniensis:' Dr. Kidder. See M. B. i. 56.

Line 10.—They were never published, and, as it would seem, are now lost. See p. 103, l. 13; p. 113, l. 20; Dyce, Pref. to Bentley's Works, iii. p. viii.

Line 19.—Bentley was made King's Library-keeper on the death of Mr. Justell, in April, 1694, see p. 110. From May 21 to Sept. 26, 1694, he was at Worcester, see Diss. Phal. Pref. x.

Line 22.—'Philostrati specimen.' M. B. i. pp. 57, 58. The specimen, a copy of which is preserved in the British Museum, was employed by Olearius in his edition, Lips. 1709: cp. here pp. 175, 261, and p. 46, l. 17. Kayser, in his edition of Philostrati Sophistæ, Heidel. 1838, published Bentley's Notes, and his collation of the New Coll. MS. of the Vitæ Sophistæ, from the margin of Bentley's copy of Morell's Ed. Paris, 1608, now in the British Museum.

PAGE 88, l. 19.—'Franciscus Junius.' See Sax. Onom. v. 25. "Francisci Filius, Heidelbergensis, Comiti Arundeliano a Bibliotheca, Philologus et Archæologus Londinensis. Nat. 1589, ob. 1677." See p. 89, l. 12. Junius died at Windsor, in the canonical house of his nephew, Isaac Vossius, æt. 88. He left his large MSS. Collections to the Bodleian Library. "Ejus Imago scite a præstantissimo Pictore Van-Dyckio descripta in Oxoniensi Academia est dedicata; et ei honorarium etiam tumulum cum elogio marmori inciso benigna illa studiorum Mater poni jussit." Græv. in Vita Junii ad fin.

PAGE 89, l. 12.—It was published by Grævius himself, at Rotterdam, 1694, with a Preface by him and a Life of the author.

Line 17.—'Beger.' See p. 123, l. 8. Laurence Boeger (Latinised into *Daphnæus Arcuarius*), archæologer and philologer,

under the patronage of the house of Brandenburg and the Elector Palatine. See La Croze, Thes. Epist. iii. 70.

PAGE 90, l. 8.—‘Belopœica:’ *sic* Orig.

PAGE 91, l. 1.—From the MS. Collection at Wotton. See p. 74, l. 15. M. B. i. 40, 71.

Line 14.—Lambeth Degrees. See Waterland’s Life by Bishop Van Mildert, Works, i. p. 30.

Line 18.—‘Excellent and desirable Princess.’ See p. 97, l. 7.

PAGE 92, l. 1.—From Mr. Upcott’s very valuable MS. Collection, to which unreserved access has been given by the liberality of the Possessor to the Editor of this Collection.

Line 21.—Archbishop Tenison.

Line 26.—‘Beneficii.’ Pub. Syr. ap. A. Gell. xvii. 14. Bentley had not then observed the rule subsequently delivered by himself in his note on Terent. Andr. i. 1. 17; ii. 1. 20. He afterwards printed the line *Pars Beneficij*, &c., in his ed. of Pub. Syr. v. 205.

PAGE 93, l. 1.—From the see of Lincoln to Canterbury.

Line 14.—Of Evelyn’s Numismata, see M. B. i. 71.

PAGE 94, l. 14.—Herod. i. 94.

Line 23.—See p. 415, l. 5.

PAGE 95, l. 14.—From Mr. Upcott’s MS. Collection.

PAGE 97, l. 7.—‘Reginæ:’ Queen Mary, who died 28 Dec. 1694.

PAGE 97, l. 22.—‘Decollasse.’ “Rectius hac in notione una l scribitur, ut bene jam Gronov. ad Luc. xxvii. 17, observavit. Est enim ejusdem originis ac verbum *percolare*. Locutio ipsa est ex Plaut. Capt. iii. 1. 36—*Est illic mihi una spes cœnatica, si illa decolabit, redibo huc ad senem.*” Kraft.

PAGE 98, l. 9.—Bishops Lloyd, Burnet, and Moore: the last at that time Bishop of Norwich, afterwards of Ely.

Line 12.—“F. servabuntur.” C. B.

Line 15.—See p. 101, l. 22.

PAGE 99, l. 14.—Hor. Epod. xv. 2; Od. i. xii. 47.

Line 25.—‘Spannhemii:’ *sic* Orig.

Line 33.—In 6 vols. folio, Amst. 1695—1701.

PAGE 100, l. 4.—“Masii, Fabric. Bibl. Ant. i. 185.” C. B.

“Sext. Am. Fabric. l. c. i. 324, 547, 767.” C. B.

Line 5.—“Drusii, Fabric. l. c. i. 323.” C. B.

Line 14.—‘Monumentum Ancyranum:’—“Augustus in testamento suo præceperat ut res majores a se gestæ inscriberentur pilis marmoreis ante fores Mausolei sibi extruendi. Partem rerum incolæ urbis Ancyrae in Galatiâ sitæ marmori insculpserant. Quod monumentum ante ducentos ferè annos in parietibus illius urbis repertum primum descripsit peregrinator quidam *Busbecq*, A. 1553. Deinde idem alii viderunt et apographa fecerunt, ut Cosson, Paulus Lucas, Tournefort, Chishull.” Kraft.

Line 20.—Gudius: Marquard Gude, of Rendsburg, in Holstein, the literary traveller, of whom Grævius, Præf. ad Flor. p. 86:—“Vir dignitate, ingenio, et doctrina recondita in primis hujus sæculi conspicuus.” Born 1635; died 1689. See p. 102, l. 30; p. 119, l. 21; and note at p. 121, l. 18; p. 193, l. 4: and Baehr *Römische Literatur*. p. 335. Some of Grævius’s Letters to Gudius are preserved in the British Museum, Harl. MSS. 4934.

PAGE 101, l. 1.—There is a second copy of the letter (also in Bentley’s hand) in the Burney Collection in the British Museum, addressed,

Pour Monsieur Monsieur

JO. GEORGIUS GRÆVIUS,

&c. &c.

à UTRECHT.

Line 21.—Thomas Smith, S. T. P., of Magd. College, Oxford, friend and biographer of Bernard; biographer also of Camden, Usher, Cousin, Brigg, Bainbridge, Patrick and Peter Young, and J. Dee; compiler of Cotton MSS. Cat., and author of *Account of Greek Church*.

The following is an entry in Hearne’s Diary, vol. 24:—

“May 13th, Saturday [1710]. * * * * *—On Thursday morning last, between 3 and 4 o’clock, died my truly learned and

excellent friend Dr. Thomas Smith, in the threescore and twelfth year of his age. He died an undaunted confessor of the poor distressed and afflicted Church of England, and always stood stiff and resolute to the doctrines of it as laid down in our Articles and Homilies. As he was a Man of very great Learning, so he was withall modest, humble, and wonderfull communicative, of indefatigable Industry, and of more than ordinary curiosity in discovering and preserving the Writings of learned Men, especially those of our own Countrey, which is much indebted to him for the Lives of divers of them, as well as for several other usefull and good Books."

"*May 21st Sunday.*—The Reverend and learned Dr. Thomas Smith, whose Death I have mentioned above (May 13th), was buried on Saturday Night (May 13th), between 10 and 11 o'clock, in St. Anne's Church, London. He left the Writer of these Matters an excellent and large Collection of MSS. Papers and Books."

From Wood's *Athenæ. Oxon.* iv. 598, we learn, that "in Aug. 1688, he was deprived of his fellowship by Dr. Gifford, the then new popish President of Magd. Coll.;" and that "in October following he was restored, but then again denying the oaths of supremacy to King William III. and his Queen, his fellowship was pronounced void by the President and Fellows of his Coll. 25th July, 1692."

Line 27.—'Eboracensi:' Abp. Sharp.

PAGE 102, *l.* 26.—Anthol. Pal. "Dicit Codicem Palatinum qui a Fr. Sylburgio et Claudio Salmasio repertus est Heidelbergæ in Bibl. Palatino: continet Cephala Anthologiam, ex qua primum Salmasius, mox plures deinceps exempla descripserunt. Edita sunt etiam singula Epigrammata ut a Salmasio, Kustero, Bentleio, D' Orvillio, Hemsterhusio, aliis. Plenam editionem primus curavit Brunckius in *Analectis Veterum Poetarum Græcorum*, Argent. 1776-99. 3 vol. 8vo. Plenissimam edit. cum egreg. annot. condidit Fr. Jacobs, Lips. 1794—1814, 13 vol.; et Anthol. Gr. ad fidem codicis olim Palatini nunc Parisini ex Apographo Gothano editam c. Annot. Crit. Lips. 1813-17, 4 vol. 8vo." (Kraft).

Bentley obtained a copy of this MS. by "the kindness of his excellent friend, the late Dr. Edward Bernard:" Diss. Phal. 282.

Line 33.—‘Typographeum.’ See p. 133, l. 25; p. 135, l. 24; and M. B. i. 73.

PAGE 103, l. 7.—Bp. Lloyd, translated from the See of Asaph in 1692; and to the See of Worcester, in 1699.

Line 13.—‘Totidem aliæ:’ they never appeared; but are said, (by Kippis, Biogr. Brit. ii. p. 243), in 1780, to have been still extant in MS.

Line 18.—From the Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 19.—‘H. H.’ i. e. Hart Hall, Oxford, of which Mr. Caswell was Vice Principal. Wood’s Life, xcvi.

PAGE 105, l. 9.—Mr. Caswell published a Treatise on Trigonometry, Lond. 1689. Wood’s Ath. Oxon. iv. p. 737.

PAGE 110, l. 1.—From the Wotton MSS.

On the death of Mr. Justel, Bentley was appointed King’s Library-keeper. He had a warrant for the place on Dec. 23, 1693; and his patent on April 12, 1694, as Keeper of his Majesty’s Library. See D. B. p. viii. Preface to Diss. In Askew’s MSS. (in Brit. Mus.) No. 6209, is a letter from David Casley to Professor Ward, “how Dr. B. obtained the situation of Royal Librarian,” dated 3 Feb. 174 $\frac{2}{3}$.

Line 14.—‘Lord of York:’ Archbishop Sharp.

Line 24.—‘Friends in York Buildings:’ i. e. Mr. Pepys. Evelyn lived in Dover Street.

PAGE 111, l. 1.—From the Wotton MSS.

PAGE 112, l. 11.—Sir C. Wyche. See p. 155, l. 26.

PAGE 113, l. 1.—From Mr. Upcott’s MS. Collection. The original is now in the possession of the Rev. Alexander Dyce, the learned Editor of Bentley’s Works, who has kindly supplied a transcript of it for this Collection.

Line 18.—Evelyn’s son John went to Ireland as a commissioner of the Irish revenue in 1692. See Evelyn’s Memoirs, iii. pp. 314, 319, 368.

Line 27.—‘Closets.’ See M. B. 173.

PAGE 114, *l.* 3.—Princess Anne of Denmark. Cp. M.B. i. p. 72.
Line 20.—From the Wotton MSS.

PAGE 115, *l.* 3.—St. Paul, 1 Cor. vii. 26.

Line 11.—Lucan, v. 127.

Line 15.—Martial, I. xxii. 8.

PAGE 116, *l.* 9.—From the valuable Autograph Collection of Dawson Turner, Esq., who has very obligingly permitted a transcript to be made for this work.

PAGE 117, *l.* 5.—The Librarian's, at St. James's Palace.

Line 16.—From the Wotton MSS.

Line 19.—'Accumulation.' In 1695, Bentley became Chaplain to the King, and Rector of Hartlebury.

PAGE 118, *l.* 2.—See Evelyn's Corres. iv. p. 386.

Line 7.—Bp. Burnet.

PAGE 119, *l.* 31.—'Episcopi Lichfeldensis : ' Bp. Lloyd. See p. 103, *l.* 7.

PAGE 120, *l.* 16.—"Dr. Mead set out on his travels with his eldest brother Mr. Samuel Mead, David Polhill, Esq., and Dr. Thomas Pellett, afterwards President of the College of Physicians at London." C.B. See p. 581, and p. 591, *l.* 33, and Nichols' Lit. Anecd. vi. p. 212.

PAGE 121, *l.* 13.—'Manethonis:' Apotelesmatica.

Line 15.—Jo. Alb. Fabricius, afterwards celebrated as the "Orbis Eruditi Bibliothecarius." He soon resigned the task of editing Manetho to James Gronovius, who did not treat him with more respect than he was in the habit of shewing to his other literary brethren. See Fabric. Bibl. Gr. iv. p. 136. Harles.

Line 18.—Of Grævius' attachment to Gudius, see his Preface to his Lectiones Hesiodæ, 1667; and Burmann's Pref. to his ed. of Phædrus, 1698. The Epistolæ were published by P. Burmann, Ultraj. 1697. 4to. The Inscriptions at Leuwarden in 1731, fol. See p. 100, *l.* 20.

Line 23.—Julius Cæsar curâ Grævii, Amst. 1697.

Line 24.—‘Julii Celsi:’ “Olim vulgo putabatur Jul. Celsus Constantinopolitanus, vir doctus Sæc. VII. A. D. de Vitâ et Rebus gestis C. Jul. Cæsaris scripsisse. Cf. Dodwell. Diss. de Jul. Cæsaris Vitâ per Jul. Celsum, Oxon. 1698. Nostra tamen ætate idoneis argumentis C. E. Chr. Schneider (Prof. Acad. Vratislav.) satis superque docuit Petrarcham potius esse auctorem illius libri. Cf. Baehr. Gesch. röm. Lit. p. 266.” Kraft.

‘Musæo:’ *sic* Orig. ut passim Grævius.

PAGE 122, *l.* 4.—Post-mark, Oct. 5.

PAGE 123, *l.* 8.—Of Laur. Beger’s Thesaur. Brandenburg. see K. O. Müller’s Handbuch d. Archäologie, p. 19. Of Beger, see p. 89, *l.* 17.

Line 18.—Bp. Moore.

PAGE 124, *l.* 4.—Budd. Isag. pp. 1134, 1240, 1307.

Line 5.—Catti *hod.* Cassel.

PAGE 125, *l.* 3.—Edidit J. G. Grævius, Amst. 1697, 8vo.

Line 7.—‘Millii Novum Fœdus.’ It appeared in 1707.

Line 11.—Of Bp. Pearson’s MSS., see p. 16, *l.* 27; p. 130, *l.* 24. The Editor begs permission to leave the examination of this interesting subject of Bishop Pearson’s MSS., in the hands of the Rev. Edward Churton, M. A., Canon of York Cathedral and Rector of Crayke, who will, it is hoped, ere long, fulfil the wish expressed by BENTLEY himself, for a complete edition of “the most excellent Bishop PEARSON’S Works, the very DUST of whose writings is GOLD.” Bentr. Phal. ii. 29.

Line 13.—Julius Pollux, edited by Lederlin and Hemsterhuis cum Com. Jungermannii et Joach. Kuhnii. 2 Vols. fol. Amst. 1706.

Line 20.—This letter was formerly at Wotton, then in Mr. Upcott’s hands, then in the late Bp. Samuel Butler’s, by the kind permission of whose Executor it was collated for this work by Mr. Henry Foss, whom the Editor begs to thank for this and other services rendered to this publication. It is now in the British Museum.

Line 23.—Archbishop Tenison.

PAGE 126, *l.* 5.—‘A Bishop:’ of Chichester; consecrated in 1696.

PAGE 127, *l.* 2.—From the Wotton MSS.

Line 16.—‘Medals:’ Evelyn’s Volume “Numismata, or a Discourse on Medals Antient and Modern.” New Edit. 1697.

PAGE 129, *l.* 8.—Bernard, (Dr. Edward), died at Oxford, Jan. 12, 168 $\frac{6}{7}$, a short time after his return from the continent, whither he had gone to be present at the sale of Golius’ Library. See Letters from the Bodleian, i. p. 76. Wood’s Athenæ Oxonienses, iv. c. 704, c. 705. Bliss.

PAGE 130, *l.* 17.—See note on p. 10, *l.* 11; and p. 189, *l.* 28; and Alberti Hesych. Præf. xxiv. He was a pupil of Grævius, and had received Valois’ notes from Paris through him. He died 1691.

PAGE 131, *l.* 12.—From the Wotton MSS.

Line 18.—‘One to succeed Dr. Williams:’ Francis Gastrell, afterwards Canon of Christ Church and Bishop of Chester. See p. 133, *l.* 10.

PAGE 132, *l.* 10.—Mr. Pepys.

Line 20.—From Mr. Upcott’s MS. Collection.

PAGE 133, *l.* 25.—‘University Press:’ restored by Bentley’s means. M. B. i. 73.

PAGE 134, *l.* 2.—Dissertation on the Epistles of Phalaris; annexed to Wotton’s Reflections upon Ancient and Modern Learning. 2nd ed. Lond. 1697.

Line 4.—Fragments of Callimachus. See p. 130, *l.* 1.

Line 15.—From the MSS. at Wotton. This letter is given imperfectly and incorrectly in Evelyn’s Memoirs, iv. 379, and thence reprinted Class. Journal, xviii. 200.

PAGE 135, *l.* 31.—Sir C. Wren. See the Dedication, dated Wotton, 21 Feb. 169 $\frac{6}{7}$. Evelyn’s Miscell. Writ. by Upcott, p. 352.

PAGE 136, *l.* 1.—i. e. the translation from the French of Roland Freart: The Parallel between Ant. and Mod. Architecture. See Evelyn’s Misc. W. p. 343.

Line 28.—“ Discourse concerning the Doctrine of Christ’s satisfaction ; with an answer to the Socinian objections. Lond. 1696.”

PAGE 137, *l.* 27.—See the conclusion of the metrical distich, quoted by Evelyn in his letter to Pepys, (Pep. Mem. v. 438,) on the things which make “ Vita Senis:”—

— *Nepos, ignis, mens hilaris, pietas.*

PAGE 138, *l.* 24.—See Welcker, Addend. ad Phil. Imag. p. 758.

PAGE 139, *l.* 13.—Bentl. Præf. Diss. Phal. p. 1.

PAGE 141, *l.* 12.—Cp. Diss. on Phal. p. 363.

Line 14.—Phal. p. 363.

PAGE 142, *l.* 2.—O. M. xi. 167.

Line 29.—But see Welcker, Addend. p. 758.

PAGE 143, *l.* 5.—‘Mtus. Oxon.’ or Codex Baroccianus: his collations of which Bentley sent to Olearius. See Olear. Præf. p. xi. Kayser, Præf. ad Philost. V. S. p. xvii., (Heidelb. 1838), who has published Bentley’s collation of the New College MS. of the lives of the Sophists from Bentley’s own copy of Morell’s ed. 1608, in the British Museum. Cp. M. B. i. 127.

Line 14.—‘Notas meas.’ See p. 144, *l.* 14 ; p. 145, *l.* 14 ; p. 150, *l.* 7 ; p. 164, *l.* 30.

PAGE 145, *l.* 15.—‘Φίλε ἦλιε,’ *sic* Orig. Cf. R. P. Eur. Med. [Phœniss. 556] et Aristoph. Νῆσοι [iv. Dind.] Suid. [s. v.] C. B.

PAGE 147, *l.* 2.—Brit. Mus. MS. Harl. 3778, Art. 98. This letter is inserted here from the coincidence of p. 147, *l.* 5, with p. 151, *l.* 17.

PAGE 148, *l.* 13.—Bentley has noted the conjecture of Grævius on the margin of his copy of Hesychius now in the library of Trinity College. “ Sed malim *σειρὴν, ἀναδεσμὴν καὶ μέλιττα*, &c., R. B.” See p. 163, *l.* 3. But the late Professor Dobree, in his copy of Burney’s edition of BENTLEII EPISTOLÆ, now in Trin. Coll. Library, has written the following note:—“ In Hesychio, pro με-

λίττης οἶκος κ.τ.λ. lege μελίττης εἰκὸς ὄρν. τ. π. Zenob. v. 97. Ζῶον ὑποπτότερον μελίττῃ εἰκός. Suidas Ζῶόν ἐστι κηροποιὸν μελίττῃ παραπλήσιον.”—A certain conjecture.

PAGE 150, *l.* 19.—Classical Journal, No. xix. Vol. x. p. 171; where the original is said to be in the possession of the Rev. Mr. Payne, of Crickhowell.

Line 21.—‘Jablonski,’ D. E. (brother of Theodore, and father of Paul Ernest Jablonski) published a translation of Bentley’s Boyle Lectures, under the title of “Stultitia et Irrationabilitas Atheismi.” Berolin. 1696. Of the French and Dutch translations of these Lectures, see Wolf. Analect. i. p. 7, note.

Line 26.—‘One at London.’ Dissertation on the Epistles of Phalaris, annexed to Wotton’s Reflections, &c.; published May, 1697.

PAGE 151, *l.* 3.—‘Callimachus’ Theodori, J. G. F. Grævii, &c.; published at Utrecht, in Aug. 1697.

Line 10.—‘Mr. Grabe, once professor of Divinity Regiomonti’ (Königsbergh). J. E. Grabe left his native country in 1695, and settled at Oxford: editor of Spicilegium SS. Patrum, Septuaginta Interpretes, Irenæus, &c. He was admitted into holy orders in the Anglican Church; died 1711, and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

PAGE 152, *l.* 1.—From Mr. Upcott’s MS. Collection.

Line 10.—‘Mr. Took.’ See p. 135, *l.* 17.

Line 15.—‘King’s Library.’ See p. 155, *l.* 13; p. 165, *l.* 19; and Bentr. Pref. Diss. Phal. p. xli. xlii. M. B. i. 95.

PAGE 153, *l.* 1.—From Mr. Upcott’s MS. Collection.

PAGE 154, *l.* 9.—From the Wotton MSS.

PAGE 155, *l.* 2.—From the MSS. at Wotton. Printed in Evelyn’s Memoirs, iv. p. 380; thence transferred into Classical Journal, xviii. p. 200.

Line 7.—‘Sir E. Seymour:’ Evelyn’s Memoirs (1701), iii. p. 392. “A great man: he had often been Speaker, Treasurer of the Navy, and in many other lucrative offices.”

Line 26.—‘Sir Cyril Wyche:’ Ambassador at Constantinople, President of the Royal Society, Secretary of State, and Lord Justice in Ireland; married one of Evelyn’s nieces. See Evelyn’s *Memoirs*, iii. pp. 104, 316, 373, 326; iv. p. 381.

PAGE 156, *l.* 3.—‘Dr. Fuller,’ Qu. Dr. Fulham? and ‘his spouse,’ Evelyn’s niece. See *Memoirs*, iii. p. 363, concerning a sermon of the same Preacher, (as I suppose), delivered Jan. 2, 1697 $\frac{7}{8}$.

Line 17.—‘Ecce iterum:’ Juvenal, iv. 1.

PAGE 157, *l.* 7.—Suid. in *Δραχμῆς et Ἀράβων*. Cp. Meineke *Menand.* p. 17.

PAGE 158, *l.* 1.—Post-mark, Feb. 11.

PAGE 160, *l.* 4.—Bentl. *Præf. Diss. Phal.* p. 1. Of Bentley’s *Collection of the Fragments Valckenaer*, *Diat. Eurip.* p. 4: “Nihil in hoc genere præstantius aut magis elaboratum.”

Line 9.—‘Metiri pede:’—Hor. *Epp.* i. 7. 98.

Line 10.—*Diss. Phal.* p. xxxv. See p. 85, *l.* 18; and p. 172, *l.* 10.

Line 12.—‘Cornea fibra:’ Pers. *Sat.* i. 47.

Line 15.—Callim. ed. Blomf. p. 161, not.

Line 25.—Bentley had indeed so *transcribed* these Elegiac verses, in a letter to Grævius. See p. 85, *l.* 18.

Line 31.—‘Αἰγᾶν.’ See *Diss. Phal. Pref.* p. xxxv. Dyce. Cf. Schaef. ad. Porson. *Eur. Hec.* 1061.

PAGE 161, *l.* 8.—Stob. *Flor. G.* iii. p. 25.

Line 14.—“Plaut. *Aul.* i. 1. 38.” Kraft.

Line 30.—P. 332, Ernest.

PAGE 162, *l.* 7.—P. 520, Ernest.

Line 11.—‘LX.’—“Sic in MS. sed leg. lix. *Frag. lx.* Spanhem. *Est cexi.* p. 517. *Fr. lix.* omisit R. B.” C. B.

PAGE 163, *l.* 31.—So Davis, p. 365.

PAGE 164, *l.* 1.—Quintil. iii. c. 1. Diog. Laert. *Vit. Aristot.* iv.

Line 10.—‘Quinquennium circiter:’ eight years. Cp. Dyce, *Pref. Diss. Phal.* p. vi.; and p. xii.

PAGE 165, *l.* 4.—‘*Chartæ caritatem.*’ M. B. i. 57; Bentr. Præf. Diss. Phal. p. xxxix. “I had then prepared a Manilius for the press, which had been published already, had not the dearness of paper, and the want of good types, &c., prevented.”

Line 7.—From Mr. Upcott’s MS. Collection.

Line 20.—Evelyn’s Diary, Jan. 1697 $\frac{7}{8}$.—“Whitehall burnt; nothing but walls and ruins left.” It had been proposed to convert the Roman Catholic chapel at Whitehall into a Royal Library.

PAGE 167, *l.* 1.—From Mr. Upcott’s MS. Collection.

PAGE 168, *l.* 2.—This inquiry about the use of *Foreign* was doubtless connected with Bentley’s defence of the word *Aliene*: Diss. Phal. liv. The word *Foreign* is as old as Chaucer.

PAGE 169.—The references in this page are in Bentley’s hand, in the margin of the Original.

PAGE 170, *l.* 7.—Boyle’s ed. of Phalaris, Oxon. 1695. Wotton’s Reflections on Ancient and Modern Learning, 2nd edit. Lond. 1697. Fabularum Æsopearum Delectus, Oxon. 1698. Boyle’s Examination of Dr. Bentley’s Dissertation, Lond. 1698. Bentley’s Dissertation, &c. Lond. 1699.

Line 14.—S. Hoadly, Epist. ad Grævium, dated Non. Maii, 1698 (Hoadly’s Works, p. lxi). “Exarsit acerrima Bentrileium inter et quosdam doctos academicos contentio jam per Britannias πολυθρύλλητος, &c. Dixerat Bentrileius Professores exteros melius de humanitate ejus sentire; ad Te provocaverat nescio an nomine indigitatum. Quicquid ejus fiat, minitati sunt se hominem suis coloribus depictum exteris Prof. Grævio nominatim et Spanhemio deridendum propinatuos Utinam candorem Grævii imitarentur!”

Line 22.—See Bentr. Præf. Diss. Phal. p. xxix.

PAGE 171, *l.* 12.—Virg. Georg. iv. 87.

Line 13.—‘Τὸ γὰρ εἶ.’ Aristoph. Acharn. 661. “Citat Cicero ad Att. vi. 1; viii. 777.” C. B.

PAGE 172, *l.* 1.—On the margin of this letter, Bentley has written, “Ep^a. hæc accepta die 19 Maii, 1698.” Quoted at length by Bentley, Pref. Diss. Phal. p. xxxii. where some varia-

tions from Dr. Burney's Copy are noticed by Mr. Dyce. In l. 1, Bentley inserts *dedisti* after *superiore*.

Line 14.—Catull. i. 17. 16.

Asservanda nigerrimis diligentius uvis.

Line 23.—See p. 41, l. 23.

PAGE 174, l. 14.—‘Fab. Æsop. editor. Oxon.’ 1698. M. B. i. 89, 90, 96, 104; Dyce, Pref. Diss. Phal. p. xii.; Furia Proleg. ad Æsop. p. cv.

Line 27.—See p. 177, l. 21. Cp. M. Lipenii Dissert. de Nav. Salamonis: et de Ophir—Relandi Dissert. de Ophir; Wichmanshausen de Nav. Ophiritica. On the work of Huet, Amst. 1698, see his book de Rebus Suis, p. 341.

PAGE 175, l. 9.—Virg. Ecl. i. 26.

Line 26.—‘Olearius:’ probably Gottfridus, the future editor of the Philostrati, and translator into Latin of Stanley's History of Philosophy. Lips. 1711.

PAGE 176, l. 27.—Archonauticorum—Orig.

PAGE 177, l. 9.—Manethonis Apotelesmata, Gronovii, see p. 174, l. 25.

PAGE 178, l. 10.—Menkenius, author of the book de Charlataneria Eruditorum: Wytttenb. Opusc. i. p. 604. Of the Acta Eruditorum, commenced in 1682 by Otho Menkenius, and continued by his son, John Burkard, see Buddei Isagog. i. p. 211. The son of the latter followed the example of his father and grandfather, and conducted the Nova Acta Lipsiensium.

PAGE 179, l. 8.—“Publica auctoritate scribere cœpit Grævius de rebus Gulielmi III., Summi Gubernatoris Civitatum Foederatarum Belgicarum, et Regis Britanniae; sed scribentem oppressit mors nec opinata. Res ab egregio Principe gestas persecutus est usque ad annum 1672. Orationem in obitum ejus habuit d. V. m. Martii, 1702.” Kraft.

Line 10.—‘Ciceroni:’ Grævius' edition of the Orations of Cicero, 6 vols. 8vo. Amst. 1699.

PAGE 180, *l.* 9.—From the British Museum, Birch's Collection, No. 4275, Art. 38. Post-mark—**R. 23 (probably MAR. 23). Bp. Stillingfleet (*p.* 181, *l.* 8) died March 27, 1699. Cp. M. B. i. 133.

Line 19.—'Oulton:' Bentley's birth-place, near Wakefield, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Cp. M. B. i. 1; ii. 158.

PAGE 182, *l.* 5.—Evelyn's Diary, 3 May, 1699, (the date of this letter). "At a meeting of the Royal Society I was nominated to be of the Committee to wait on the Lord Chancellor to move the king to purchase the Bp. of Worcester's Library."

Line 15.—Bp. Stillingfleet's books were bought by Dr. Narcissus Marsh, Archbishop of Dublin, where he founded a Public Library, to which he gave them.

Line 23.—Camerinam—Orig. Virg. *Æn.* iii. 700.

PAGE 183, *l.* 9.—'Venusinæ Lectiones,' edited by P. Burmann: Traject. 1699. Rutgersius died in 1625.

PAGE 184, *l.* 9.—Necorus—Orig. Of Neocorus (Kuster) "Græv. *Antiq. Rom.* viii. 2766." C. B. See M. B. i. 154. Boissonnade's Life of Kuster, *Biog. Univ.* xxii. *p.* 59; "Ce nom de Néocorus, que Grævius lui avait donné en plaisantant, était la traduction grecque du mot Kuster qui en allemand signifie *sacristain*." Born 1670; died 1716.

Line 11.—This Bibliotheca Novorum Librorum was published by Kuster, at Utrecht, 1697, in conjunction with his friend Sike (Sickius), of whom frequent mention is made in the following letters, and whose fortunes much resembled his own.

PAGE 185, *l.* 1.—First ed. 1607; second, 1701.

Line 2.—From MSS. in the Lambeth Library.

Line 20.—Bentley was admitted Master of Trinity College, Feb. $\frac{1699}{1700}$.

PAGE 187, *l.* 1.—This letter was not printed by Dr. Burney. The original is in the Trin. Coll. Collection. See also Nos. XC., XCVII.

Line 3.—Martinius, David; a French Calvinistic divine, who emigrated after the revocation of the Edict of Nantz, and settled

at Utrecht, where he published *Le Nouveau Testament expliqué*: Utr. 1696.

Line 10.—‘*Amici mei:*’ P. Burmann. The book was *Zeὺς Καταιβάτης*, sive Jupiter Fulgurator in Cyrrhestarum Nummis: Traject. 1700.

PAGE 188, *l.* 1.—From Mr. Upcott’s MS. Collection.

Line 5.—‘Croyden:’ at Addiscombe. Draper married Evelyn’s daughter Susanna. He did not sell the house at Addiscombe, bequeathed him by his aunt, Lady Temple, in March, 1700; but rebuilt it.

PAGE 189, *l.* 1.—From the Trin. Coll. Collection. Not printed by Dr. Burney.

Line 15.—See p. 191, *l.* 8.

Line 23.—‘*De Tauroboliis,*’ in his *Dissertationes IX. Antiqq. et Marmorr. illustrandis inservientes*. Amst. 1702.

PAGE 190, *l.* 1.—Of Phorbæus (Verve) and Mæsvicius, see Alberti Præf. Hesych. p. xxiv.

PAGE 191, *l.* 8.—‘*Halma:*’ “*Inscriptiones Antiquæ totius orbis Romani, olim auspiciis Josephi Scaligeri et Marci Velseri, industria autem Jani Gruteri, et notis Marquardi Gudii, et tabulis æneis a Boissardo confectis illustratæ, denuo cura Viri Summi Joannis Georgii Grævii recensitæ: Amst. Excudit Franciscus Halma, 1707.*”

Line 17.—‘*Fabrettum.*’ “*Raph. Fabretti, Urbinas nat. 1619; mort. 1700 in urbe Romæ. Antiquitatis Romanæ intelligentissimus, Juris quoque peritissimus. Potiora ejus scripta sunt Tabula Iliaca, De Aquis et Aquæductibus Veteris Urbis Romæ, De Columna Trajani, Inscriptt. Antiqq. Explicatio.*” Kraft. Cf. Græv. Præf. Tom. iv. *Thes. Ant. Rom.* p. 331; Mabillon. *Itin. Ital.* p. 73.

Line 22.—‘*Stephanus Morinus*’ Cadomensis; *Theol. Calvin.*; *Philolog. Hebræus*: nat. 1605; ob. 1700. *Sax. On.* v. 279.*

PAGE 192, *l.* 3.—Audirem—Orig.

PAGE 193, *l.* 2.—“P. Burm. Præf. ad Jani Gruteri *Corpus Inscriptionum*. Amst. 1707, pp. 7, 9, 11.” C. B.

Line 29.—*Hor. Sat. Serm. ii.* 6. 33.

PAGE 194.—R. B. See Præf. to Hor. at beginning.

Line 12.—Prodiit Cant. 1711. 4to.

PAGE 195, l. 4.—See p. 205, l. 16.

Line 10.—See p. 201, l. 29.

Line 24.—‘Virgilius:’ Georg. i. 30; Æn. xii. 445; Æn. viii. 687.

Line 32.—‘Catullus:’ xxix. v. 2.

PAGE 196, l. 8.—Virg. Æn. vi. 76; xi. 442.

Line 19.—A. P. 441.

Line 20.—Callim. i. p. 429, Ernesti. See p. 201, l. 20.

PAGE 197, l. 15.—It was restored after Grævius’ death, and used by Davies in his Edition of the Tusculan Disputations, and also by Bentley in his “*Emendationes*.”

PAGE 198, l. 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection. Of J. H. Lederlin, who had completed the Apparatus Criticus to the first seven books of the Amsterdam edition of Julius Pollux, when he was called (in 1703) to Strasburg, see Hemst. Præf. Poll. p. 24.

PAGE 199, l. 28.—‘Elegantissimi Brookhysii,’ (Johan. Brookhuyzen): “Broukhusius Batavus, nat. Amst. A. 1649; mort. 1707. Primum erat Pharmacopola; deinde transgressus ad militiam non sine laude pugnavit; tum pace Neomagensi, A. 1697, facta, Ultraj. Grævio duce ac magistro, quâ erat ingenii felicitate studiique assiduitate, mirabili successu antiqua studia colere cœpit. Propert. ed. prodiit Amst. 1702.” Kraft.

PAGE 200, l. 7.—Codex Blandinius, see Cuning. Præf. Hor. p. 2; Kidd. Præf. p. viii.

Line 7.—Bentl. Hor. Serm. i. 6. 125. “Omnium quotquot superiore sæculo extitisse novimus vetustissimum optimumque Codicem ex Bibl. Blandinia Gandavi nactus est Cruquius; quod exemplar utinam adhuc salvum esset (periisse enim opinor), et in manus nostras incidisset.” It probably was burnt in the destruction of the Blandinian Monastery at Ghent, in the tumults of 1568.

Line 12.—Ver. 126, where Heindorf says, “Bentley hat zuerst das Ungereimte der Lesart aller Codd. u. Edd. *fugio rabiosi*

tempora signi bemerkt und die Hand des Dichters *fugio campum lusumque trigonem* aus der Notiz. von Cruq. hergestellt."

Line 31.—'Quam:' *sic* Orig.

PAGE 201, l. 20.—Bentl. Hor. A. P. 441, where he quotes this testimony of Grævius, "ὁ μακαρίτης, et natura et diuturno usu judex acerrimus."

PAGE 202, l. 7.—'Meum Codicem:' See p. 208, l. 21; p. 232, l. 16.

Line 25.—Cp. Epitaph on Grævius, printed at the commencement of his Inscriptioes. "Morte, cujus prænuncia ab aliquo tempore frequens Vertigo erat, ex improvise oppressus, quum duobus circiter mensibus ante uxorem carissimam quacum annos XLIV. conjunctissime vixerat, extulisset." See p. 232, l. 15.

PAGE 203, l. 13.—Providebo—Orig.

PAGE 204, l. 21.—Not printed by Dr. Burney. The original is in the Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 205, l. 16.—Bentl. ad Hor. Od. i. 23. l. 5, "Atque hæc vel his similia cum ad incomparabilem Virum Joannem Georgium Grævium τὸν μακαρίτην, animam qualem neque candidiorem terra tulit, ante biennium scripseram, his verbis mihi responsum dedit iv. Non. Decem. MDCCCII. paullo ante obitum." He then quotes this letter of Grævius, from 'Cum nuperius tuas litteras,' p. 205, l. 9, to 'inciderat,' p. 205, l. 20, and subjoins, "Hæc quidem ad me Vir celeberrimus: Ego vero, cum postea doctissimi Burmanni beneficio exemplar Heinsiani Horatii nactus essem, in libri margine hoc adnotatum repperi; VEPRIUS *Salmasius* teste *Menagio*: hanc autem, quæcunque est, emendationis præreptæ laudem viro maximo libenter concedo; quam habeat secum servetque sepulcro."

Line 34.—'Sickio nostro.' M.B. i. pp. 185, 329. Huet de Rebus Suis, p. 406. He was made Regius Professor of Hebrew at Cambridge, principally by Bentley's means, in 1705. Cp. M.B. i. pp. 196, 329.

PAGE 206, l. 21.—In the Burney Collection in the British Museum with the Grævio-Bentleian Correspondence.

Line 22.—Petrus Burmannus published an *Oratio Funebris in obitum Viri Clarissimi Jo. Georgii Grævii*: Traject. 1703; and with *Grævii Orationes*: Lug. Bat. 1717.

PAGE 208, *l.* 17.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 18.—‘Scherpezeelius,’ a native of Utrecht: Scholar of Grævius, and Master of the School at Harderwyck, in Gelderland, on the Zuydersee.

Line 21.—‘Horatii Codice:’ See p. 232; et R. B. Præf. ad Hor. p. 3.

PAGE 209, *l.* 20.—‘Fr. B.’ i. e. Fragmentorum Benteleianorum.

PAGE 210, *l.* 16.—The reader will not expect notice of the corrections here proposed of Hesychius. Such observations would occupy too much space, and would find a more appropriate place elsewhere. Cp. p. 485, *l.* 1; and p. 490, *l.* 5.

PAGE 214, *l.* 17.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 18.—‘Tib. Hemsterhuis:’ See M. B. pp. 196, 197. Elog. Hemst. a Ruhnken. p. 10, ed. Lindemann. Hemst. born 1685; died 1766.

PAGE 219, *l.* 1.—First published by Ruhnken, together with the second letter from Bentley to Hemsterhuis, (see p. 270), in the second edition of his *Elogium Tib. Hemsterhusii*, pp. 81—112. Lug. Bat. 1789. “Has literas (he says, p. 24), ab Hemsterhusii filio nobiscum communicatas, huic novæ editioni subjecimus.” They have been reprinted by Lindemann, with some notes, in his edition of *Vitæ Duumvirorum Tib. Hemsterhusii et Dav. Ruhnkenii*. Lips. 1822, pp. 28—48.

Line 4.—‘Ad Horatium:’ which did not appear till Dec. 1711, The *text* was put to press in 1705, if not earlier.

PAGE 220, *l.* 19.—‘Valor.’ “Hoc vocabulum nondum e quorum veterum Scriptorum enotatum.” Lindemann.

Line 23.—‘Κράτους.’ But Κράτης (the Comic Poet) would make Κράτητος in the genitive.

Line 34.—Od. i. 15. 31. Cp. Dobræi Adversaria, ii. 384

PAGE 221, *l.* 23.—Diss. Phal. ii. p. 31.

PAGE 222, *l.* 15.—Cratin. Runkel. p. 19.

PAGE 223, *l.* 5.—Eupolis Runkel. p. 130.

Line 25.—‘Diphili ῥῆσις.’ See L. Dindorf. Diod. Sic. iv. pp. 202, 548, ed. Lips. 1826.

PAGE 225, *l.* 5.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 6.—Hadrian Reland, whom Bentley (Hor. Od. i. 7. 27), calls his ‘doctissimus amicus,’ and who lent a MS. of Horace to Bentley; “publico literarum bono natus” (Brookhus. Tibull. ii. pp. 11, 15); distinguished for his philological skill and Oriental erudition; Professor first at Harderwyck then at Utrecht. Born 1676; died 1718.

PAGE 226, *l.* 8.—From Nichols’ Literary Anecdotes, ix. p. 323.

PAGE 227, *l.* 1.—From Trin Coll. Collection.

Line 11.—See p. 10, *l.* 20. “Phavorinus, while he mixed all together, spoiled them.”

Line 25.—Photii MS. presented to Trin. Coll. Library, [where it is in Class O. 3. 9], by Dr. Gale, Dean of York, transcribed by Professor Porson, and edited by Professor Dobree, Lond. 1822. The MS. is described by the latter in his Præf. p. xii.

PAGE 232, *l.* 15.—“Petri Burmanni Oratio Funebris in obitum viri clarissimi Joannis Georgii Grævii, 1703.” 4to. p. 23. “Quare ad uxorem, quæ domum in partem juvaret, animo adjecto, ex vicina Dusseldorpio, elegit virginem, et generis honestate, et formæ præstantia insignem, Joannam Odiliam de Camp, quæ et obsequio erga maritum, et sanctitate morum, absolutum matronæ exemplar expressit, et cum qua per xlv. annos sine ulla rixa et simultate vixit; quæ rara fœcunditate octies et decies Grævium quidem parentem fecit, sed ex tanto liberorum populo, non nisi quatuor filias sibi et marito superstites reliquit: quarum tres innuptæ gravissimam orbitatis calamitatem sentiunt; quarta felibus avibus juncta viro amplissimo, Matthiæ De Roy, Electoris Palatini Consiliario, et militarium causarum Judici primario, una cum marito suavissimos parentes sibi ereptos deplorat. Huic matrifamilias diligentissimæ delegata rei domesticæ cura totum se studiis tradidit, &c.”

PAGE 233, *l.* 9.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 10.—See M. B. i. p. 191. Cp. Nichols' Lit. Anecdotes, iv. 236, where there is an account of the deputation.

PAGE 235, *l.* 15.—From Nichols' Lit. Anecd. ix. p. 323.

Line 19.—See M. B. i. p. 191; Nichols' Lit. Anecd. iv. 236. Drs. Snape, Penrice, and Plumtre, represented the faculties of Divinity, Law, and Physic.

Line 29.—The words in brackets are supplied from conjecture, that part of the sheet on which the ends of the lines were written having been torn off in the original.

PAGE 236, *l.* 6.—'My medal:' see p. 239, *l.* 4.

Line 9.—See p. 239, *l.* 19; p. 259, *l.* 28; p. 375, *l.* 4; p. 443, *l.* 26; Dr. John Covel, Master of Christ's College; Dr. John Brookbank, first of Trin., then of Trin. Hall; see at p. 252, *l.* 6;—M. B. i. 186; Dr. Sike—M. B. i. 184; Mr. Richard Laughton (not Langhton) of Clare Hall—M. B. ii. 13, 30; Sir John Ellies, M. D. Master of Caius College.

Line 20.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 239, *l.* 18.—'Covellium:' See p. 239, *l.* 9.

Line 20.—'Vassium:' Joseph Wasse, Fellow of Queen's Coll., editor of Sallust, Commentator on Thucydides.

PAGE 240, *l.* 2.—Charles XII. King of Sweden, p. 246, *l.* 19;

Line 10.—Philip V. King of Spain.

Line 18.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 242, *l.* 3.—From Nichols' Lit. An. ix. p. 323.

Line 4.—Dr. John Hudson, Librarian of the Bodleian; editor of V. Paterculus, 1693; Thucyd. 1696; Geogr. Minores, 1698, 1703, 1704, 4 Voll.; Mœris, 1712. Born 1660; died 1719.

Line 11.—'Dominicus Passionæus;' afterwards Archbishop of Ephesus, Cardinal, and Librarian of the Vatican; in which capacity he greatly assisted Dr. Kennicott in his publication of Collations of MSS. of the Hebrew Scriptures.

PAGE 243, *l.* 4.—'Barnesio:' Joshua Barnes. See p. 64, *l.* 1; p. 411, *l.* 20; M. B. i. 296.

Line 5. — ‘P. Allix:’ Peter Allix, the French Ecclesiastic (of Alençon), who took refuge in England after the Repeal of the edict of Nantz; and is well known by his Histories of the Churches of Piedmont; he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity, at Cambridge, by Royal Mandate, 1690.

PAGE 244, *l.* 1.—From Nichols’ Lit. Anecd. ix. p. 323.

PAGE 245, *l.* 10.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 246, *l.* 5.—Jamblichus de Vita Pythagorica, published by Kuster, Amst. 1707, 4to.

PAGE 247, *l.* 20.—The first edition of Bentley’s Horace was published at Cambridge, 1711: the second and third by R. and J. Wetstein, at Amsterdam, in 1713 and 1728. The ‘scalptura’ for the ed. of 1713, served for that of 1728.

PAGE 249, *l.* 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 250, *l.* 20.—‘Cujus egregiam Collationem.’—Cod. Medicei M. apud Gronovium. See Præf. Wesseling, iii. p. xxi. and p. xl. Gaisford.

PAGE 251, *l.* 20.—Hor. A. P. 349.

Line 29.—‘Exemplari.’ The original was formerly in the Vossian Library, and is now at Leyden. There is a Codex of the Lysistrata in the Trin. Coll. Library, to which it was given by Dr. R. Bentley, in 1757.

Line 32.—See Kuster’s Preface to Aristophanes, p. xix. ed. Beck.

PAGE 252, *l.* 6.—His Epitaph, written by Bentley, in St. Edward’s Church-yard, is as follows:—Hic sepeliri voluit Joannes Brookbank, LL.D., Aulæ S.S. Trinitatis Socius, Diœceseos Eliensis Officialis, Humanitate, Integritate, Comitatus Conspicuus. Natus oppido Liverpool; denatus Cantabrigiæ, An. MDCCXXIV. Ætatis LXXIII. Per totam Vitam ΥΑΡΟΠΙΟΤΗΣ.

PAGE 254, *l.* 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

‘De Veilio:’ Perhaps Car. Mar. de Veil “ex Judæo Christianus et verbi divini in Anglia Minister, cujus Epistola ad Robertum

Boyle una cum responsione Simonis, utraque Gallice scripta, sub-
juncta est editioni *Histor. Crit. Vet. Test. Rot.* 1685." *Budd. Isag.*
Theol. p. 1445.

Line 3.—'Parcentes;' *Hor. Od.* iii. 19. 21.

Line 11.—*i. e.* 'Mine eye is not dim from old age.' The
reference is an allusion to *Genesis* xxvii. 1: "And it came to pass
when Isaac was old and his eyes were dim." For this reference
the Editor is indebted to the kindness of Dr. M'Caul, through the
Printer of these Volumes, Mr. M'Dowall, M.A., of C. C. College,
Cambridge.

PAGE 255, *l.* 1.—Not so corrected in Bentley's Edition of Ho-
race, 1728. But for instances of the absorption of *in* after *m*, see
his note, *Hor. Od.* i. 27 3.

Line 6.—'Illum O.' Bentley in his edition of Horace with this
note "Atque hæc prius commentatus eram quam sagacissimi Nic.
Heinsii codicem nactus essem, ubi cum summa voluptate comperi
conjecturæ nostræ tantum virum accedere. Legit enim—Illum et
nefasto."

Line 14.—'Correctores &c.' *Terent. Adelph.* v. 744,

Corrector! nempe tua arte viginti minæ
Pro psaltria periire.

Line 28.—In Bentley's edition of Terence, p. 424, the common
reading is retained.

PAGE 256, *l.* 1:—*Sic Orig.* for *sc.* 2. 52, where Bentley reads
"Quid istic? Cedo ut melius dicas."

Line 4.—'Tuam,' read 'tuum.'

Line 12.—From *Trin. Coll. Collection.*

Line 15.—'Berniera:' see p. 185, *l.* 3.

Line 26.—Bp. Compton.

PAGE 258, *l.* 2.—From *Trin. Coll. Collection.*

Line 25.—Kuster, *Præf. Arist.* p. xix. ed. Beck. "Collationes
Codd. Vaticc. debeo singulari humanitati Laur. Alex. Zacagnii, Bi-
bliothecarii Vatic."

PAGE 259, *l.* 13.—See p. 145, *l.* 15.

Line 29.—Read 'Laughtonum.'

PAGE 260, *l.* 2.—From *Trin. Coll. Collection.*

Line 20.—‘Scurram Lugdunensem:’ Jacobum Gronovium. “De Callimachi Fragmentis,” Præf. ad Rom. Ant. x. p. 22, “nuper in istius scriptoris (Callimachi) Fragmentis grassatio nefanda per furta teterrima nihil non Meursianum contrectavit.” The reference to this passage is by Dr. Burney. See p. 36, l. 2; and cp. M. B. i. 225.

PAGE 262, l. 3.—‘Effœti jam senis:’ Baron Ezechiel Spanheim died at London, in 1710, aged 81; and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

PAGE 263, l. 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 264, l. 17.—See p. 270, l. 5. Bentley had not the use of this Codex. See Præf. Hor. p. 3. It was collated by Herbelius for *Jani* in 1770. Mist. Præf. Hor. p. xv.

Line 25.—“Luciani Colloquia, et Timon. Cebetis Tab. Menandri Sententiæ—Lucianum notis illustravit T. Hemsterhusius, Amst. 1708;” reprinted 1732, 1777.

PAGE 265, l. 2.—‘Anchersen:’ Matthew (Hafniensis, i. e. of Copenhagen). See p. 265, l. 11; pp. 270, 298, 372, 441; M. B. i. p. 329. He lived some time at Cambridge, as a pupil of Dr. H. Sike, cp. p. 265, l. 22.

Line 10.—From Trin. Coll. Collection. The first of the series of letters between Kuster and Bentley concerning the edition of Aristophanes undertaken by the former, published by Th. Fritsch, Amst. 1710. See Mus. Crit. ii. 409; M. B. i. 191; Kidd, Pref. to Porson’s Tracts, p. lxxxix—xcv. who has there compared Bentley’s emendations of Aristophanes with Porson’s. Bentley had written his corrections on the margin of his copy of Aristophanes, Basil, 1547, fol., now in the British Museum, whence they have been transcribed and inserted in the Classical Journal, xxi. p. 131; Mus. Crit. ii. 126—138.

PAGE 267, l. 4.—Damasceni by Lequien, published in 1712, 2 Voll. folio, see Thes. Epist. La Croz. ii. 52, iii. 178.

Line 6.—Concilia, Harduini, Paris, 1714-5. 12 Voll.

Line 7.—“Bibliorum Sacrorum Versiones Antiquæ, seu Vetus

Italica, et cæteræ quæcunque in Codd. MSS. et antiquorum libris reperiri potuere.” P. Sabatier, Remis, 1739—1749, 3 Voll. ed.

PAGE 268, l. 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 269, l. 3.—‘Omina,’ *read* omnia.

Line 16.—Budd. Isag. Theol. i. p. 500. “Magno conatu nihil agere Joann. Aymonium, virum cætera harum rerum minime rudem C. M. Pfaffius demonstrat, cum omnem auctoritatem huic Confessioni denegat.” Ibid. p. 142. “Nec prætermittendus Jo. Aymonius ob librum: *Monumens Authentiques de la Religion des Grecs*, inscriptum editumque Hagæ Comitum, anno 1708, 4to; in quo inter alia probare voluit plurimas Confessiones fidei Christianorum Orientalium spurias esse.”—Of Aymon, see pp. 514, 517.

PAGE 270, l. 8.—From the Trin. Coll. Collection, i. e. from the copy *kept* by Bentley himself. That which he *sent*, was preserved by Hemsterhuis, and served as the original from which Ruhnken printed the letter p. 33, ed. Lind. Cp. M. B. i. 197-9; Wolf. Analect. i. p. 21; Ruhnken. Elog. Hemster. p. 10, ed. Lindem., where the effect of Bentley’s two letters (see p. 219) on the mind of Hemsterhuis, is described as follows:—

“Brevi post a Richardo Benteio, Britanniae Aristarcho, literas accipit, quibus quidem opera Polluci navata eximie laudabatur. At eædem Benteianas emendationes in Comicorum loca, quibus Pollux a se dictis fidem et auctoritatem conciliasset, complecebantur. In quibus locis restituendis Hemsterhusius quoque consumserat studii plurimum, pulcre intelligens, summam rei in illis verti. Enimvero lectis animadversionibus Benteianis videt inanem operam suam fuisse alterum omnia divinitus expediisse. Quo tum animo Hemsterhusium fuisse putas? Ita conturbatus est, ita sibimet ipse displicuit, ut Græcas literas in perpetuum repudiare statueret. Nec per mensem unum et item alterum ausus est scriptorem Græcum attingere. Hoc si alteri evenisset, quam astute id dissimulasset, quam cautionem et diligentiam, ne in vulgus emanaret, adhibuisset. At ille, O callidum hominem, id narrare discipulis, et crebris sermonibus usurpare solebat. Nescio quid alii sentiant. Mihi nunquam major, quam cum hæc de se

ingenue fatebatur, visus est Hemsterhusius. Nam acer animi morsus indicat, quos quam altos et veram gloriam expetentes spiritus pectore gesserit, erroris confessio, quantam maximarum rerum fiduciam haberet. Eleganter et vere Celsus de simili Hippocratis confessione ait: *Levia ingenia, quia nihil habent, nihil sibi detrahunt; magno ingenio multaque nihilominus habituro convenit simplex veri erroris confessio.*

Mox tamen Hemsterhusius, cum dolori successisset cogitatio, quam inique se adolescentem cum Critico veterano eodemque omnium principe comparasset, et secum in gratiam redit, et cum literis Græcis. At Bentleianæ admonitionis hæc vis fuit, ut apud animum constitueret, non ante se in hunc præcipitem locum committere, quam artium omnium copiam mente et cogitatione comprehendisset, et, quoniam in hoc maxime reprehendebatur, Comicorum versus non ante tentare, quam varia metrorum genera Comicis usitata penitus percepisset. Nec alium, nisi illum ipsum monitorem suum, sibi imitandum sumsit. Hunc enim mirabatur unum, hunc in oculis ferebat, hunc omnibus memoriæ nostrae Criticis anteponebat, ne dissimulans quidem offensionem, si quis talis viri magnitudinem, quam consequi nulla ratione posset, per invidiam allatraret."

Line 11.—'Adolescentem Danum:' Matthew Anchersen, see p. 265, l. 2; p. 271, l. 10; M. B. i. 329.

PAGE 271, l. 18.—The presentation copy of Julius Pollux, sent by Hemsterhuis to Bentley, was purchased by Gilbert Wakefield at Dr. R. Bentley's sale, and is now in the possession of The Very Rev. The Dean of Christ-Church.

PAGE 272, l. 23.—'Τῶν ἐπὶ Σάγγῳ clariora:' Cratinus ap. Phot. ii. p. 496; Runkel, Cratin. p. 97. "Cratinus proverbium ἀληθέστερα τῶν ἐπὶ Σάγγῳ posuit, quod de re omni admiratione digna dicitur. Nam prope fluvium hujus nominis in Locride Magnæ Græciæ Locrenses et Crotonenses impari manu conflixerant. Locrensium victoria inopinata vero eodem pugnae die jam Olympiæ audita fuit. Cic. N. D. ii. 2, iii. 15." See also Lindemann's note on this letter, p. 35. Meineke, Menand. p. 17, who refers to Ter. And. iv. 2. 15.

Line 30.—Bentl. Emend. Menand. p. 53.

PAGE 273, *l.* 5.—Bentl. Emend. Menand. p. 53.

Line 24.—See p. 224.

PAGE 274, *l.* 5.—Clinton. Mus. Philol. i. p. 585.

Line 13.—Qu. ὁ δὲ σταθμοῦχος?

Line 24.—“Facilis videtur esse emendatio. Lege—

Τί δ' ὦ πονηρέ μ' ἐξορίζεις ὥσπερ εἰ κλιντήριον.”

Lindemann. See Dindorf. Arist. Frag. p. 342.

Line 29.—Matth. Eur. Frag. p. 319.

PAGE 275, *l.* 4.—Dindorf. Frag. Arist. p. 254.

Line 29.—Blomf. Gloss. S. C. T. 421.

PAGE 276, *l.* 6.—Clinton. Mus. Phil. i. p. 595.

PAGE 277, *l.* 10.—Clinton. Mus. Phil. i. p. 563.

Line 17.—Eupolis, Runkel. p. 155.

PAGE 278, *l.* 1.—Æsch. Prom. Ign. 175, Schutz.

Line 14.—Gaisf. Hephæst. p. 218. “Bentleium Epist. ad Hemsterhusium, p. 96, in versu Æschyli laudantem λινᾶ δὲ σπείρα pene obstupefactus miror.” Dindorf. Fr. Æsch. p. 283, λινᾶ δὲ πίσσα.

Line 20.—Clinton. l. c. p. 569.

Line 25.—‘Λῶμεν:’ Porson. Adv. p. 303.

Line 29.—Clinton. l. c. p. 581.

PAGE 279, *l.* 1.—Frag. Dind. 183.

Line 22.—Qu. ἐνεξέμεῖ?

Line 25.—Frag. Dind. 154.

PAGE 280, *l.* 8.—“Saltem Χῆμῖν scribendum.” Lind.

PAGE 282, *l.* 1.—Eupolis. Runkel, p. 104.

Line 4.—Pherec. Runkel, p. 48.

PAGE 283, *l.* 10.—‘Pherecratis:’ sic Orig. read ‘Strattidis.’

Line 14.—Meineke, Menand. p. 17.

Line 20.—“Ego si quid video Bentleium voluisse credo jugula-

tum tuo πεισίδ'—Cæterum dubitare noli quin recte se habeat σπείδουσι δὲ. Vitium ortum est ex notis tachygraphicis non intellectis." Lund.

Line 25.—Runkel, l. c. p. 27.

PAGE 284, l. 1.—Ruhnken. Tim. p. 269.

Line 3.—Nub. 72.

Line 5.—Acharn. 261.

Line 11.—Clinton. l. c. p. 573.

Line 14.—Dindorf. Fr. Sop. 218.

Line 20.—Matth. Eur. Fr. p. 103.

Line 25.—So Porson, Tracts, p. 184. See also Mr. Kidd's Preface, p. xcv.; Dind. Frag. Arist., 114.

PAGE 285, l. 8.—Blomf. M. C. i. p. 14.

Line 11.—Hor. i. 18. 1; Blomf. Mus. Crit. i. p. 429; Valck. Herod. viii. 109; Brunck. Anacreont. p. 141, ed. sec.; Benth. Callim. i. p. 485; Ernesti. Frag. cxiv.

Line 13.—Athen. x. p. 430, c.

Line 22.—Gaisford. Heph. p. 310.

PAGE 287, l. 9.—See p. 769, l. 19.

Line 10.—Meineke, Men. p. 176.

Line 12.—Matth. Eur. Fr. p. 178.

PAGE 288, l. 5.—Runkel, l. c. p. 13.

Line 10.—"Unicè sanum μακαριοῦσ' ἐμέ:" Lindemann.

PAGE 289, l. 1.—Dindorf. Fr. 425.

Line 21.—Æg. Frag. iii.; Gaisford, l. c.; Valck. Call. p. 179.

Line 32.—Dindorf. Fr. 465.

PAGE 291, l. 1.—Meineke, l. c. p. 29.

Line 9.—Dindorf. l. c. 95.

Line 29.—Read 'tetrametri.'

PAGE 292, l. 1.—Dindorf. l. c. p. 275.

Line 15.—Dindorf. de Arist. Fabb. Numero, p. 505, ed. Aristoph. Oxon. 1835.

Line 23.—Dindorf. Soph. p. 327.

PAGE 293, *l.* 1.—Runkel, *l. c.* p. 149.

PAGE 294, *l.* 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 296, *l.* 10.—See M. B. i. 194. It was dedicated to Lord Halifax.

PAGE 297, *l.* 20.—‘Chremyli:’ “Vid. Dobræi Aristophanica, p. 18.” M. C.

PAGE 299, *l.* 6.—‘Filiolo:’ Richard, born 3rd June, 1708.
Line 15.—‘Croonfeldio:’ “Scil. Crownfield, Acad. Cant. Typographo.” M. C.

PAGE 300, *l.* 2.—From the Original, in the possession of the Rev. Alexander Dyce.

Line 16.—Of the battle of Oudenarde, June 30, 1708.

PAGE 305, *l.* 7.—“Quod fecit quidem Bentleius.” M. C.

Line 11.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 306, *l.* 14.—“Jacobs, Anthol. Pal. T. i. p. 196.” Friedmann.

Line 24.—“Vid. ad Horat. 1 Ep. i. 50; Antipater, Anthol. i. 1. 5; Ruhnken ad Paterc. p. 28.” M. C.

Line 30.—The notes, to which the initials [R. B.] are affixed, were added by Bentley himself to the copies which he kept of his Letters to Kuster,—from which copies those letters are here printed. These Notes correspond very nearly with a paper found in his copy of Aristophanes, now in the British Museum, headed “Addenda Epistolis Prioribus;” for a transcript of which the Editor is indebted, as well as for much valuable assistance in the publication of these Volumes, to the Rev. Thomas Kidd, Rector of Croxton, St. Neots.

PAGE 310, *l.* 10.—“Ista Epistola inter Schedas Bentleianas non est reperta.” M. C.

PAGE 312, *l.* 29.—‘Ἰππος:’ Callim. Frag. Bentr. ccxxxiii.; p. 525, Ernest. But see Dawes’ Misc. Crit. p. 376, Kidd.

PAGE 317, *l.* 15.—‘*Pretii:*’ In 1713 Bentley would have written *præmi*. See his *Epist. ad Mill.* D. B. ii. p. 300; *Bentl. Ter. Andr.* ii. 1. 20; Kidd, Dawes, p. 28, sqq. See p. 92, 26. This observation enabled Bentley to determine the age of Manilius.

PAGE 320, *l.* 3.—“*Vid. Dobr. ad Porson. Aristoph. Plut. 159.*” M. C.

PAGE 321, *l.* 5.—“*Voluit Bentleius σιγάν νῦν ἅπας, prout editur ap. Hephæst. p. 47, ed. Gaisf.*” M. C.

PAGE 322, *l.* 13.—“*In Bacchis non extat hic versus, qui sumtus erat ex ista parte quæ intercudit post v. 1328, ubi vid. Elmsl.*” M. C.

PAGE 323, *l.* 20.—“*Sueton. August. 87.*” M. C. “*Usurpatum ab Augusto proverbium quoties, ut ait Suetonius, hortari voluit ferenda esse præsentia, qualiacunque sint. Eadem sententia proverbii Græci, ἀν μὴ παρῇ κρέα, τῷ ταρίχῳ στερκτέον.*” Casaubon.

PAGE 324, *l.* 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection. Of Richther, see p. 56, *l.* 2; p. 385, *l.* 8.

Line 24.—Conrad Samuel Schurtzfleisch (or, as the name was Latinized by himself, Sarcmasius), Rhetorician, Critic, and Historian, of Wittenberg, the author of numerous learned works; died, 1708.

Line 26.—Joh. Wm. Berger, scholar of Schurtzfleisch, also of Wittenberg, and one of the most celebrated men of his day for his historical, critical, antiquarian, and philological attainments. His learning, and that of his instructor, exhibited itself to the world principally in numerous “*Dissertationes;*” whence it has arisen, that their names, famous among their contemporaries, are little known to posterity.

PAGE 326, *l.* 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 328, *l.* 18.—‘*Ἀγρείης:*’ citat Porsonus, *Adv.* p. 306. M. C.

Line 24.—*Hor. Od.* ii. 1. 13.

PAGE 329, *l.* 21.—‘*Κεκλαύσομαι.*’ The true reading is *διὰ τι δῆτα κλαύσομαι.* See Dawes’ *Misc. Crit.* p. 151, Kidd,

PAGE 330, l. 5.—‘Spondæus :’ *sic passim* R. B. for *Spondeus*.

PAGE 332, l. 23.—But see Elmsl. Bacch. 660.

PAGE 333, l. 10.—See on κρεμάθρα, p. 363, l. 4.

PAGE 338, l. 34.—Mart. xiii. 92. 2.

PAGE 346, l. 4.—D. B. i. 190. ii. p. 274; M. B. i. 32, 102. Clarke ad Hom. Iliad, α’ 51. “Hanc versus Anapæstici proprietatem primus et solus recentiorum observavit longe omnium doctissimus Rich. Bentleius.” See, on the other hand, Dawes, Misc. Crit. p. 57.

PAGE 361, l. 32.—Ter. Adelph. Act. iv. Sc. i. 19.

PAGE 364, l. 19.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 366, l. 1.—From a *MS. Copy* (kept by Bentley) of the original, and now in the Trin. Coll. Collection, collated with the *printed* copy of it inserted in ‘Gotefridi Richtheri Bernbacensis Specimen Observationum Criticarum, Jenæ, 1713;’ whence it was reprinted by F. A. Wolf, in his *Analecta Litteraria*, i. p. 90. Cp. Stoeber ad Manil. p. 8; M. B. i. p. 199.

Among the MSS. stated to have been used by Bentley in his Manilius (see Pref. Manil. p. xiv.) is Codex Lipsiensis in Bibliotheca Paullina, annorum DCC. quam cum Editione Scaligeri posteriore duo eruditi juvenes contulerunt, Joach. Frid. Fellerus anno 1703, et Gotefridus Richter anno 1709. See p. 56, l. 12.

Line 13.—From Grævius, probably, and Feller. See p. 56, l. 12.

Line 19.—R. Bentley jun., in the Preface to his uncle’s Manilius, p. xiv. “Codicem Gemblacensem per aliquod tempus penes se habuit (Bentleius) et ad editionem Scaligeri posteriorem ipse bis exegit.”

PAGE 367, l. 6.—Which Richter did. The copy of the Boeclerian edition, in which he inserted his collation, and which he sent to Bentley, is in the British Museum, and bears in the first page the following note: “Collat. cum veteri manuscripto Lipsiensi per Gotefridum Richter. R. Bentley.”

In the University Library, Cambridge, is a copy of “Manilius, 4to Plantin. 1601, cum notis MS. Richardi Bentleii;” and a copy of the Aldine edition with MS. collations, M. B. i. 35, in a private library.

PAGE 368, *l.* 7.—Lib. v. 722, Bentr.; where they are given as printed, p. 368, *l.* 22-7, with the exception of *terris* for *tenebris*, and *tunc* for *tum*.

PAGE 370, *l.* 9.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 372, *l.* 10.—T. Faber. Lucret. iv. 497. See Dob. Aristoph. p. 125.

PAGE 373, *l.* 19.—Francis Hessel, Professor at Rotterdam, published Vibius Sequester de Fluminibus, &c. Rot. 1711.

Line 25.—“Romulus nescius qui ad Tiberinum filium Æsopi fabulas latine misisse fertur, circa hunc annum A. D. 1452. Vitam Æsopi et Apologos quosdam de Græcis Latinos fecisse fertur.” Saxe. On. ii. p. 445.

For *ublis* read *bulis*.

Line 27.—‘Juvenis homo:’ Jo. Frid. Nilant. Lug. Bat. 1709, grandson of J. F. Gronovius.

PAGE 374, *l.* 21.—‘Fabricium tuum:’ J. Albert Fabricius dedicated his Marini Vita Procli to Bentley, 1700, 1703. F. A. Wolf, Analect. i. p. 17, speaking of the difference of the impression which the controversy on the Epistles of Phalaris produced in England and on the Continent, says: “Ganz andere Eindrücke machte der Ausgang des Streites auf die wenigen grösssen Gelehrten des Auslandes welche Englisch lasen; diese halfen seinen Triumph feiern, von andern ein Deutscher, der hochgelehrte Hamburger Bibliothecar, (Fabricius) der ihn damals (1700), als den Varro von England begrüßte,”

PAGE 375, *l.* 1.—‘Uxor Tua:’ See Cumberland’s Memoirs, i. 20; M. B. i. 151; ii. 399.

Line 22.—‘Temporandas:’ *sic* Orig. for *temperandas*.

PAGE 376, *l.* 23.—‘Burneti,’ William and Thomas, two sons of Bishop Burnet.

PAGE 377, l. 4.—Jo. Masson, a French emigrant, resided first in Holland, then in England, where he entered into Holy Orders. He travelled as Tutor to Bishop Burnet's sons, through France, Switzerland, and Italy. His "*Vitæ Plinii, Ovidii, Horatii*," are well known. Cp. p. 400, l. 23; p. 401, l. 7.

Line 27.—'Viris literatis:' Mabillon, Montfaucon, Burnet, Rogissart, de la Seine, and others. See Ugoni, *Bibl. Univ.* xlvii. p. 369.

Line 30.—'Josephus avus meus:' Tiraboschi *Stor. Lett. Ital.* viii. p. 446. "Non deesi tacere una nuova cattedra di lingua Greca aperta in Napoli dalla munificenza di Giuseppe Valletta." His library contained 18,000 choice books, to which all literary strangers, who visited Naples, had free access. It is said, that he was the only Neapolitan of his day who could speak English. *Giornale de' Letteratti d'Italia*, xxvi. pp. 49—105.

PAGE 378, l. 7.—From the original, in the folio volume of Newtonian Letters and Papers in the Library of Trinity Coll. Cambridge. The Volume is composed of more than sixty letters from Newton and Cotes, all written within the years 1709—1713, and containing suggestions and discussions concerning improvements to be made in the Second Edition of the *Principia*, then going through the Press at Bentley's charge, and under Cotes's eye, at Cambridge. It contains five letters to Keill on the Leibnitzian controversy. It consists of 283 leaves, on several of which are copies of the Propositions of the *Principia*. This Collection of Letters and Papers was originally much larger. Some of the letters which it contained were borrowed from Dr. Smith, Master of the College, by Mr. John Conduitt, who was preparing materials for a Life of Newton, which he did not live to publish, (see Nichols' *Lit. Anecd.* v. p. 500), but which has been given to the world from Mr. Conduitt's MS. by Mr. Edmund Turnor, in his *Collections for the History of Grantham*, Lond. 4to. 1806, p. 158. Mr. Conduitt's MS. *Memoirs of Newton* are now at Hurstbourne House, Hampshire; his daughter, to whom Newton left an estate, having married Lord Lymington, father of the second Earl of Portsmouth, the proprietor of Hurstbourne; where is also now preserved a large number of original Newtonian Letters and Papers.—The inference, that these are the very documents which were borrowed by Mr. Conduitt from

Dr. Smith, and which, as may be proved, (in consequence of Mr. Conduitt's death before he had ceased to use them), were never restored, seems a reasonable one. Cp. Collins' Peerage, iv. p. 326; M. B. i. 230; and the MS. note by Mr. Hawkins, at the commencement of the Newtonian Volume in Trin. Coll. Library.

Line 18.—'Mr. Hussey:' qu. Christopher Hussey, Fellow of Trin. Coll.

Line 19.—'Dr. Ayloff:' Fellow of Trin. Coll., and Public Orator.

PAGE 379, *l. 9.*—From the Burney Collection in the British Museum.

Line 24.—Burmam's Petronius Arbiter: 'Traj. ad Rh. Gu. Van De Water, 1709, 2 Tom. 4to. M. B. i. 272.

PAGE 380, *l. 15.*—'Gallulus:' Le Clerc. See p. 402, *l. 33.*

PAGE 382, *l. 12.*—'Olim:' in 1702, 12mo. 'Commentarius, quem premo' appeared in 1724, 4to.

Line 22.—'Ovidius:' published in 1727, 4 Vols. 4to.

Line 26.—"Plaut. Capt. iv. 1. 8." C. B.

PAGE 383, *l. 2.*—From Trin. Coll. Collection. 'Honore, différé, civilites,' &c. *sic* Orig.

Line 15.—'Josephus Scaliger,' by Paolo Veronese, bequeathed by Bentley to Trinity College, together with the pictures, as he expresses it in his will, of "Sir Isaac Newton, my spouse Joanna Bentley deceased, my own, and Baron Ezechiel Spanheim's, which I will to remain in the Gallery in my Lodge they are now in."

PAGE 385, *l. 8.*—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 9.—See p. 56, *l. 12*, and at p. 367, *l. 6.*

PAGE 386, *l. 7.*—Boeth. Cons. Phil. ii. p. 31, ed. Glasg.

PAGE 387, *l. 17.*—i. e. 'And think upon me for good.' The words are from Nehemiah v. 19. This reference is also due to Dr. M'Caul.

Line 21.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 23.—Perizonius (*Belgicè Voorhroek*), scholar of Grævius, Master of the Grammar School at Delft, then Professor at Franeker, and afterward at Leyden, where he died, in 1717. See p. 416.

PAGE 389, *l. 8.*—From the original in the Bodleian Library, collated by the Rev. Wm. Jacobson. Cp. M. B. i. p. 265, where the Letter was first printed. See p. 389.

PAGE 391, *l. 23.*—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 392, *l. 9.*—Wolf. Anal. i. 22. “Also that zunächst John Davies bei seiner Ausgabe von Cicero’s Tusculanen, 1709, wozu Bentley einen beträchtlichen Anhang von Anmerkungen und Kritiken lieferte;” proving, as Wolf adds, “wie er damals schon mit der römischen Komiken und der Metrik umzugehen pflegte z. b. über i. 44, und iii. 12, wo die Bacchiaci in Ter. Andr. iii. 2, zuerst entdeckt wurden.”

PAGE 394, *l. 31.*—For ‘strepuit,’ read stupuit.

PAGE 395, *l. 30.*—Bentl. Hor. 1 Ep. iii. 4, proposes *Hæmus* or *Indus*.

PAGE 396, *l. 14.*—“Cl. Benteleus volebat hæc ita constituere,
nec parvus Hylas, tamquam omnibus æque
 Grata rudimenta Herculeo sub nomine ponat.”

Burmann. ad loc.

PAGE 397, *l. 2.*—J. J. Claudius, antiquarian and divine, grandson of the celebrated John Claude, of Nismes, son of Isaac Claude, of the Hague, Pastor of the French Church, in London, in 1710; died in 1712.

Line 23.—From the original in the Trin. Coll. Collection. Bentley kept a copy of his reply (see p. 400), which is preserved in the same Collection. These two Letters (from Le Clerc to Bentley and Bentley to Le Clerc) were first published by Porson in Maty’s Review for April, 1786, Vol. ix. p. 254; not, however, from the original, but from a transcript of them on the fly leaves of “Menandri et Philemonis Reliquiæ, Gr. et Lat. cum emen-

ditionibus Clerici et Bentleii, Amst. &c., 1709, 2 Tom. 8vo.," once in the possession of Dr. Askew by whom the transcript was made, and purchased at his sale, for the Public Library, in 1785, by Dr. Farmer, Librarian of the University of Cambridge, where they now are designated by the class-marks, Nn. 4. 21. 22. Porson's short notes on the two letters are given by Mr. Kidd, Tracts, p. 56, and are here marked R. P.

PAGE 398, l. 3.—See M. B. i. p. 267, Cumberland, in Bibl. Britt. p. 244, art. Bentley—"Lord Halifax, and other great men, had an inclination to invite Le Clerc over to England by the offer of some Church Preferment. This was not relished by the Bishops, who knew him to be a man of very free notions, and that he had spread through Europe, by means of his *Bibliothèque*, the poison of free-thinking books published in England. The intention of Lord Halifax being mentioned at Archbishop Tenison's table, when Bentley was present, he was prevailed upon to attack a publication of Le Clerc's." Cp. M. B. i. 270; Wolf, Anal. i. 25. Bishop Newton, Memoirs, p. 30, relates "that it was said that a design was formed for bringing over Le Clerc from Holland, and for constituting him Royal Librarian, which place was then held by Dr. Bentley."

Line 27.—See p. 380, l. 14, whence it appears that Bentley had been appealed to by P. Burmann, in behalf of his early friend Grævius, and his friend's scholar Broukhusius, who had been treated with unprovoked asperity by Le Clerc.

PAGE 399, l. 23.—"Plutarch. ii. p. 532, E." R. P.

PAGE 400, l. 2.—See p. 397, l. 23.

Line 7.—"Ovid. Met. ii. 397." R. P.

Line 11.—'Πῆσις: "Laert. i. 101." R. P.

Line 14.—'Bibl. Select.:' Dyce, iii. 254.

Line 16.—Virg. Æn. i. 9.

Line 17.—Dyce, iii. 290.

Line 23.—Masson. See p. 377, l. 4.

Line 25.—'Cunningham:' see M. B. i. 274; p. 401, l. 11; p. 409, l. 5.

PAGE 401, l. 12.—'Ater an albus:' Catull. xciii. 2, Doering.

PAGE 402, *l.* 13.—*Ἀφθόνοvs* : “Diogenian. iii. 203.” R. P.

Line 19.—‘Valeat,’ &c., Hor. Ep. ii. 1. 180.

Line 34.—*Ὀλοαῖς μανίαις* : “Theoc. xi. 11.” R. P.

PAGE 403, *l.* 23.—‘Parcius:’ Virg. Eclog. iii. 7.

PAGE 405, *l.* 22.—‘*Una alterave,*’ &c. Bentr. ad Tusc. Disp., p. 5, ed. Rath. Cp. M. B. i. 223. Similar expressions concerning the rapidity with which his other works were executed are to be found in his Horace, Præf. p. ix. (ed. Sachse); Milton, Præf. (at end). Cp. M. B. i. 117, 270, 307, and 310, note; Kidd, Porson’s Tracts, p. xxi.; Dyce, iii. p. 473; Bentr. on his Terence, M. B. ii. 225—231; Specimen of N. T. ii. 130; Cp. Wolf. Anal. i. p. 22.

PAGE 406, *l.* 10.—‘Sed non ego,’ &c. Virg. Ecl. ix. 34.

Line 14.—‘Cornicum oculos:’ Maeb. ad Cic. pro Murena, xi. 25.

Line 18.—‘Melius,’ &c. Hor. Sat. ii. 1. 45.

Line 30.—Serm. i. 100.

PAGE 407, *l.* 8.—‘Nolim:’ *nollem*, R. B. in not. Hor. l. c.

Line 14.—‘Hæc tribuens:’ Hor. Serm. i. 105.

Line 30.—Virg. Æn. x. 504.

Line 34.—Bentley afterwards shewed a very friendly disposition to Le Clerc; see p. 438, *l.* 32; and Le Clerc spoke courteously of Bentley in Misc. Obs. i. 399. For numerous instances of Bentley’s placability, see Wolf. i. 78.

PAGE 408, *l.* 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 409, *l.* 23.—James Gronovius animadverted on Bentley’s Emendationes in Cic. Tusc. Disput., in his edition of Minucius Felix, 1709, and published a Diatribe on the Cambridge Edition of Suidas in 1712. The ‘scriptum aliquod’ here alluded to, is Infamia Emendationum, &c. M. B. i. 276.

PAGE 410, *l.* 16.—From Nichols’ Lit. Anecdotes, ix. p. 323.

PAGE 411, *l.* 18.—From the Monthly Review, Vol. xiv. p. 202. See M. B. i. 293. The original is not known to exist. The Dedication of Barnes’ Homer bears date Sep. 14, 1710. The second volume, Sep. 29, 1710. Dr. Davies (President of Queens’

Coll. in 1717) was collated to the living of Fen Ditton in 1711, and the letter was found in his study, after his decease, in 1732. Cp. Salter, in his edition of the Diss. on Phal. p. 441, where this letter is printed.

Line 24.—‘Homo inimicus:’ Barnes’ Dedic. Odyss. p. 11. “Multiplex et irreparabile damnum *Homo inimicus* operi meo mihiq̄ue intulit, qui serenissimæ Reginæ animum jam tum in hujus editionis defensionem paratiorem impio et inhonesto mendaciorum artificio avertere non est veritus.” Cp. Porson’s Tracts, p. 213; and Wolf. Analecta, i. p. 499. On Bentley’s lenity to Barnes, see also *ibid.* p. 23; on Bentley’s friendship with Davies, M. B. i. 223, 293; ii. 13, 14, 61, 115, 356.

PAGE 412, *l.* 6.—‘Suffenus:’ Catull. xiv. 19; xxii. 1.

Line 33.—Bentley’s conjecture has been adopted by Clarke, (who had probably seen this letter), Heyne, and Wolf; and is confirmed by MS. authority. See p. 656, *l.* 8. Cp. Rost’s ed. of Damm. Lex. Hom. v. ἀποπταίνω.

PAGE 413, *l.* 4.—Pers. vi. 11.

Line 19.—Barnes Ἐπίλογος v. i. Vol. ii. at end.

Εἴ τις ἐν ἀνθρώποισιν ἐμὸν ποτὲ τοῦνομ’ ἐρευνῇ,

Καλλιόπη, οὐπω γὰρ ἄπυστόν μ’ ἔμμεν’ οἶω,

Τύνη ἀποκρίναιο, χάριν δ’ ἐπιβάλλεο μύθοις,

*Ἔργον Ὀμηρείοιο τόδ’ ἔπλετο Βαρνεσίοιο.

Line 28.—ὑπὸ, Barnes; ἀπὸ, Monthly Review.

PAGE 414, *l.* 7.—“Harl. pro τῶν Τρώων dat τῶν Ἀχαιῶν, quod facinus est correctoris, qui vulgatæ lectionis vitium vidit, veram corrigendi viam non vidit. Rectissime Bentleius τῶν Ἡρώων.” Pors. ad loc. coll. Cod. Harl. p. 46. On the confusion of Τρῶες and Ἡρῶες, see Schæf. on Bos. v. πόλεμος; Ind. ad Hom. Odys. Tom. ii. 161. Bentley had corrected a passage of Tzetzes, by substituting Τρῶες for Ἡρῶες at Callim. Frag. ccviii. p. 261, ed. Blomf.; ii. p. 518, ed. Ernest.

Line 25.—Barnes, Præf. Il. sect. ix. p. vi., and sect. x. Cp. M. B. i. p. 292.

Line 29.—Ionic. But the best Attic writers say, ἡμίσεος as ἡδεος, and not ἡμίσεως; Matth. Gr. Gr. § 119, 3; Kühner Gr. Gr. § 309, 2: though in a later age the latter form was usual: and

ought not to have been altered: it is retained by Buttmann, in his edition of the Scholia.

PAGE 415, *l.* 5.—See p. 94, *l.* 21.

Line 10.—Barnes, *Præf.* ad. *Tom.* i. sect. xi.

Line 20.—Schmidt and Heyne have fallen into the same error on *Pind. Olymp.* viii. 18. Besides, the form used in poetry would be *ἐνπραξία*.

Line 29.—‘Will. Baxter:’ Baxter’s 2nd edition of *Anacreon* appeared in 1710: prefixed to it is an *Epistle* to Barnes, reprinted in Fischer’s ed. *Lips.* 1793. Bentley speaks in respectful terms of Baxter in his *Horace*, published in the following year, 1711; for which Baxter shews but little gratitude in the 2nd ed. of his own *Horace*, 1725.

PAGE 416, *l.* 2.—Barnes, *Dedicat.* *Tom.* i. p. 1. “Coactus eram omnes meas fortunas huic uni *Homericae* navi committere.”

Line 8.—Cic. *Ep.* ad *Div.* vii. 12.

Line 20.—De Pauw. See *M. B.* i. 278.

PAGE 417, *l.* 9.—From *Harleian MSS.* *Brit. Mus.* 7187. Swift’s *Letters*, i. p. 140. “March 8, 17 $\frac{11}{12}$. This day twelvemonth Mr. Harley was stabbed.” See also *Ibid.* pp. 72, 126. The assassin was ‘one Guiscard, an Abbot of France.’ Burnet’s *Own Time*, iv. 317. Cp. Bentley, *Ded.* to *Hor.* “cum in ipsa regia concilioque Procerum a scelestissimo omnium nec *Britanniæ* nationis sicario percussus est.” Bishop Burnet says that this “accident was of great use to Harley.”

Line 12.—‘New station and honour.’ Cp. *Dedicat.* to *Horace*, “ut senatus inferioris Princeps jam tertium lectus ad Celsissimum Ordinem vel serus ascenderet, inque titulos VERORUM Oxonii quondam Comitum et Mortimerorum &c. non alienus adscisceretur.”

PAGE 418, *l.* 1.—It is now generally held, that the Crown is Visitor of Trinity College, though the question has not been formally settled. See *M. B.* ii. p. 422.

PAGE 419, *l.* 24.—This and the following letter are from ‘*Les Odes d’Anacreon et de Sapho (sic) en vers François par le Poète*

sans fard, (F. Gacon), Rot. 1712, p. ccvii., whence the letter was reprinted by Brunck, *Anacr.* p. 145, ed. 1786. In p. ccxi. of the same volume is the following letter from Dr. H. Sike to Gacon. There is a copy of this volume, which is now very scarce, in the Bodleian Library, whence a transcript of these letters has been made by Mr. Jacobson.

“MONSIEUR,

“ Je me trouvai, par hazard, avec Mr. le Docteur BENTLEY, quand il recût vôtre Lettre. Quoiqu’il fut occupé, cependant comme cette occasion fit rouler notre Discours sur le sens de ces deux passages, il se fit un plaisir de vous écrire ce mot de Lettre, qu’il me pria de vous envoyer. Je ne doute pas que vous ne trouviez ses conjectures fort justes. L’explication du second passage parle de soi-même: pour les corrections, qu’il fait au premier, vous les trouverez plus que vraisemblables, aussi-tôt que vous aurez consulté le passage de DIODORE DE SICILE. Comme l’Histoire qu’il raconte de *Cybele* et d’*Atis*, paroît être plus ancienne que les Fables des autres Mythologues, il est vraisemblable qu’ANACREON, *Poète* si ancien, ait suivi cette tradition preferablement aux autres; et s’il l’a suivi, il est certain qu’il ait écrit *βοῶσαν*, et non pas *βοῶντα*. Au reste vous me ferez plaisir, Monsieur, de me faire savoir que vous ayez reçu cette lettre. Je suis, &c.,

“ HENRY SIKE.

“ *A* CAMBRIDGE, ce 25 de Novemb. 1711.”

PAGE 423, l. 2.—See Wolf. *Anal.* i. 26, who, in reply to the expression of the “bewunderung wie Bentley dem ehemals gemeinen Glauben an das Alter dieser Spielereien habe beipflichten können,” refers to this passage, and observes, “So spricht jemand der dermalen nicht Lust hat auf den Gegenstand einzugehen. Bentley hatte ja auch kurz vorher dem Boxen von Baxter und Barnes über ihren lieben Anakreon in grosser Nähe zugeschaut als blosser Liebhaber.” (Baxter’s editions of Anacreon appeared in 1695, 1710; Barnes’ in 1705, 1721). Bentley has expressed his opinion on this subject, in his *Horace*, Od. ii. 17. 14: “Ita hic scriptor, si is est Anacreon, nam ex iis quæ sub ejus nomine hodie feruntur multa spuria sunt.” Cp. Fischer, *Præf. Anac.* p. x.

Line 8.—From Trin. Coll. Collection. Mr. Thomas Bateman was secretary to the Lord Treasurer Oxford.

Line 10.—See Bentley's Dedication of Horace to Lord Treasurer Harley, Earl of Oxford and Mortimer. The Patent is commented on by Bp. Burnet, *Own Time*, iv. p. 335.

Line 12.—'Lord Harley,' the eldest son of Lord Oxford.

Line 16.—'Lord Dupplin,' the son-in-law of Lord Oxford.

Line 23.—'The Peace'—of Utrecht. See p. 427, l. 22.

PAGE 424, l. 9.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 425, l. 23.—'Bramton' Castle. See Bentley's *Dedicat.* p. 6.

PAGE 426, l. 20.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 427, l. 10.—See Bentley's Dedication, at end.

PAGE 428, l. 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 429, l. 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 430, l. 12.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 17.—'New Edition of Horace'—Advertisement in *The Spectator*, Jan. 18, 1712: "A new edition of Horace, by the Reverend Dr. Bentley, in 2 vols. quarto, of the finest and largest paper, the whole impression. The same will be published on Tuesday the 22nd inst., at Mr. Mortlock's, in St. Paul's Churchyard; and Mr. Bateman's, in Paternoster Row. Price, as set by Mr. Vice-Chancellor, at Cambridge, One Pound in quires." C. B.

PAGE 431, l. 6.—'At the Westminster Election:' The Election at Westminster School; which Atterbury attended, as Dean of Christ Church, (having succeeded Aldrich in the year 1711), and Bentley, as Master of Trinity.

Line 15.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 432, l. 19—"Whiston, who was newly come to London, in 1711, on his banishment from the University;" see his *Memoirs*, p. 182; and in this year, 1712, "his affairs were before the Convocation." See *ibid.* p. 217.

Line 20.—'Mr. Stoschius:' Baron Philip de Stosch. Cp. pp. 636, 650, 706. Cp. *M. B.* ii. p. 239.

PAGE 433, *l.* 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 25.—See p. 441, *l.* 10; p. 445, *l.* 24. Cp. M. B. i. p. 328. The obscure allusion, in Sax. Onom. v. 491, to which Bishop Monk refers, receives some light from Wolf's Letter to La Croze ii. p. 42. Sike had been taunted with having deserted the army in which he served.

Line 27.—'Infandi spectaculi.'—Nov. 20, 1712. Sike's rooms were at the south end of the Library in Nevile's Court.

PAGE 434, *l.* 3.—'Ockleyum:' Cp. p. 463, *l.* 8. Simon Ockley, Fellow of Queens' Coll. Cambridge, Professor of Arabic from 1711 to 1720, Author of 'Introductio in Linguas Orientales, 1713,' and other works on Eastern Literature.

Line 12.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 435, *l.* 1.—'Limburgio:' Philip a Limborch, the celebrated Arminian Professor at Amsterdam, died 1712.

Line 4.—'Cattenburgius:' Adrian van Cattenburgh, of Rotterdam, scholar of Limborch.

PAGE 436, *l.* 18.—Cp. p. 437, *l.* 8. The report was groundless.

PAGE 437, *l.* 17.—'Demosthenem.' The edition never appeared.

Line 19.—See Montf. Bibl. Coislin. ol. Seguiet; Paris, 1715; p. 457. "Codex cccxlv. Membranaceus, x. sæculi, elegantissimus, foliorum 272. Continet varia Lexica, quorum specimina subjeci." Cp. Ruhnken ad Tim. p. xviii. The whole was published by Bekker, Anecd. vol. i. See vol. iii. p. 1065.

PAGE 439, *l.* 12.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 13.—See p. 463, *l.* 15.

PAGE 441, *l.* 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 27.—Of Aristo, the friend of Pliny the Younger, see Plin. Epist. v. 3, viii. 14.

PAGE 442, *l.* 25.—'De:' *sic*.

Line 26.—'allino:' *sic*.

PAGE 443, *l.* 17.—‘Covell,’ &c. See p. 236, *l.* 9; p. 239, *l.* 19. ‘Etstthonus,’ probably Dr. Charles Ashton, Master of Jesus Coll.; ‘Jamesius,’ Dr. Henry James, President of Queens’, Bentley’s predecessor in the Divinity Chair; ‘Broeksbankius,’ Dr. Brookbank, Official to Bentley, as Archdeacon of Ely; see at p. 252, *l.* 6; ‘Coetsius,’ Roger Cotes; Cp. p. 375, *l.* 5, where he is called ‘Coachius;’ ‘Lingius,’ *ibid*, is Dr. Leng, Fellow of Cath. Hall., afterwards Bishop of Norwich; ‘Perkinsius,’ Dr. Ralph Perkins, Fellow of Queens’; ‘Westothonius,’ William Whiston, Lucasian Professor; ‘Washius,’ Joseph Wasse.

Line 25.—‘Hafniæ:’ i. e. Copenhagen.

PAGE 444, *l.* 9.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 445, *l.* 13.—‘Whistoni:’ Harmonia; Bibl. Brit. i. p. 245. In his Harmony he contended that the “transactions recorded by the Evangelists included above four years.”

PAGE 447, *l.* 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 448, *l.* 1.—From the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum.

Line 21.—‘Chapel.’ The repairing and beautifying of which cost considerably above 6000*l.* The order for the new altar-piece and marble floor was given April 20, 1702. The present organ was erected in May, 1708. The work was under the superintendence of Roger Cotes. See Conclusion Book, July 11, 1706.

Line 22.—‘Observatory.’ Over the great gate of the College, where Cotes, and, after him, his cousin, Robert Smith, Bentley’s successor, resided as Plumian Professor. Sir Isaac Newton, and after him, Vice-master Walker, occupied the rooms to the north of the gate, and William Whiston those to the south.

Line 22.—‘Laboratory.’ At the east end of the bowling-green. See Conclusion Book, Feb. 11, 170 $\frac{6}{7}$. The first lecturer was Viganì of Verona.

PAGE 451, *l.* 20.—‘Observatory.’ See Robert Smith’s eulogy of Bentley’s munificence towards it, in his Dedication of Cotes’ Harmonia Mensurarum to Dr. Mead, dated Trin. Coll. Apr. 16, 1722, *ad fin.*

PAGE 453, *l.* 23.—‘Stubbs:’ *read* Stubbe. Cp. M. B. i. 331.

PAGE 454, *l.* 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 455, *l.* 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 25.—Yet, in the beginning of June of this year, 1713, Queen Anne, at the recommendation of Mr. Bateman's Patron, Lord Oxford, advanced Dean Atterbury to the Bishopric of Rochester and Deanery of Westminster. Bishop Newton, *Memoirs*, p. 12, speaking of Smalridge, his successor, says: "He was so noted for his good temper, that, succeeding Dr. Atterbury in the Deaneries of Carlisle and Christ Church, he was said to carry the bucket to extinguish the fires the other had kindled."

PAGE 456, *l.* 13.—From Lansd. MSS. 841, in British Museum.

PAGE 458, *l.* 13.—From the Volume of Newtonian Papers, in Trin. Coll. Library, p. 273. See p. 378, *l.* 7. Bishop Monk suggests to me that the letter there given was probably written in Nov. 1711, the 'election' there alluded to being that for the Lucasian Professorship vacated by the removal of Whiston, who was succeeded by Sanderson, Nov. 19, 1711. Cp. *M. B. i.* 291.

Line 17.—'The last sheet of the *Principia*,' which had been three years in the press. The book was finished in June, 1713, as appears from a letter of Roger Cotes to Dr. Clarke, dated Cambridge, June 25th of that year, No. 316 in the Volume above mentioned.

PAGE 459, *l.* 14.—From the Volume of Newtonian Papers in Trin. Coll. Lib. No. 275. Cp. *M. B. i.* p. 339; Brewster's *Life of Newton*, p. 254.

Line 20.—'Some disadvantage:' It has been said by Voltaire, and the assertion is confirmed by Sir D. Brewster, that, though Newton survived the publication of the *Principia* more than forty years, yet, at the time of his death, he had not above twenty followers out of England.

Line 21.—'Commercium Epistolicum:' D. Joannis Collins et aliorum de *Analysi*, &c., laid before the Royal Society on the 8th Jan. 1713, previously to publication. See Sir D. Brewster's *Life of Newton*, p. 209; Turnor's *Collections for Hist. of Grantham*, pp. 184-6; Horsley's *Newton*, iv. pp. 413—617; and here, p. 461, *l.* 8.

PAGE 460, *l.* 15.—From the original in the MS. Collection of

Dawson Turner, Esq., who has kindly allowed the insertion of it in this place.

PAGE 461, *l.* 6.—‘His and my judgment.’ Sir Isaac Newton afterwards thus wrote to Cotes, in a letter, dated London, 31 March, 1713, (No. 284, in Trin. Coll. Collection), where he communicates to him the short preface prefixed by himself to the second edition of the work: “If you write any further preface, I must not see it; for I find that I shall be examined about it.”

Line 8.—‘Spare the name of M. Leibnitz.’ Cotes, in a letter to Newton, dated Feb. 18, 1712-13, (No. 267), thus speaks: “I do not propose to mention M. Leibnitz’s name; ’twere better to neglect him,—but desire you will give me leave to appeal to the *Commercium Epistolicum* to vouch what I shall say of yourself, and to insert into my preface the very words of the judgment of the Society, (page 120th, *Com. Ep.*), that foreigners may be more generally acquainted with the true state of the case.”

Line 18.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 22.—‘*De gravi ære,*’ and p. 462, ‘*de verbo cernere:*’ See M. Boissonade’s Life of Kuster, in *Biogr. Univ.* xxii. 592: “Kuster pretendait que les Romains appellaient *æ grave* toute monnaie de cuivre. Cette opinion fut la cause d’une querelle entre Kuster et Perizonius; leur division fut encore augmentée par une Dissertation sur le verbe *cerno*,” which Perizonius thought to be a reflection on what he had said on that verb in his edition of *Sanctii Minerva*.

PAGE 462, *l.* 10.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 22.—See p. 434, *l.* 1, and Reland. *Palæst.* ii. 595, Lug. Bat. 1714. “*Hæc ita conscripsimus quum ad me defertur Geographia Manuscripta Abulfedæ Ishmaelis ea parte qua Syriam descripsit. Hanc ad me transmisit Vir Illustris Richardus Bentleius, quem ego Britanniae suæ—Britanniae autem? imo vero Rei Literariæ universæ diu volo superesse, ut non ingenium modo et doctrina, verum etiam et humanitas mihi et aliis prodesse possit.*”

PAGE 463, *l.* 11.—*read* ‘*Arabice.*’

Line 12.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 464, *l.* 1.—From Harl. MSS. in British Museum.

PAGE 465, *l.* 9.—‘Bateman.’ Swift’s Letters, i. p. 221: “Pratt

and I walked into the City to one Bateman's, a famous Bookseller for old Books. There I laid out four Pounds." See Nichols' Lit. Anecd. i. 61, 251, 424. The 'Dutch Horace' was the second edition of Bentley's Volume; Amst. Wets. 1713.

PAGE 466, l. 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection. See p. 389.

PAGE 469, l. 8.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 18.—'Imperium Annæ:' Cp. Bp. Burnet's Own Time, iv. p. 369.

PAGE 471, l. 15.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 472, l. 19.—"Non absolvit Kusterus opus inchoatum; quæ commentatus erat postea sapienter iis usus est Joa. Albertus, et hoc immatura morte intercepto David Ruhnkenius: Primum Vol. ediderat Albertus, Lug. Bat. 1746, fol.; alterum Vol. quod inde a Voc. *φαινόλης* perfecit Ruhnk.; profligatum demum est A. 1766. De Kusteri in Hesychium meritis Ruhnk. in Præf. edit. Hesych. Albert. p. 180, ed. Fried.—"Sed nihil Alberto gratius et magis præter expectationem obtigit Ludolphi Kusteri in reliquam Hesych. partem notis quas ipse in Præf. p. 32, scripserat deficere ad v. *Θήλαντο*. Res ita se habet. Kusterus notas ad illum usque locum editioni pararat et in singulare volumen quod Sevinus et Sallierius pro humanitate sua cel. Alberto suppeditarunt, conjecerat. Nec credebatur ultra in Hesychio emendando esse progressum. Sed multo post Sallierius misit aliud volumen casu in Bibl. Reg. inventum, cui Kusterus suas in reliquam Hesychii partem emendationes adscripserat, paucas illas quidem, nec ad superiorem modum elaboratas, sed ut omnia hujus viri elegantes et acutas. Omnino fatendum est Kusterum unum in paucis rectam Hesychii castigandi viam instituisse." Kraft. p. 281.

PAGE 473, l. 13.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 475, l. 19.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 476, l. 24.—'Archiacis:' Hor. l Ep. v. 1.

PAGE 477, l. 28.—'Needhamus:' La Croze, Thes. Ep. i. p. 137. See p. 572.

PAGE 478, *l.* 13.—From Trin. Coll. Muniment Room.

PAGE 479, *l.* 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 3.—‘C. M. Pfaffius,’ the Lutheran Divine, editor of *Lactantii Epitome*, inedita, Paris, 1712; *Irenæi Fragmenta*, Hag. Com. 1715, from the Turin Library.

PAGE 480, *l.* 12.—‘Ebræo Codice.’ This was a misapprehension for ‘Novi Testamenti Græco.’ Let me, however, here observe, that, of Bentley’s *Hebrew Studies*, unjustly disparaged by Conyers Middleton, there survives a remarkable monument in the two 4to MSS. volumes, intitled *RICHARDI BENTLEII HEXAPLA*, containing the Old Testament in Hebrew, Latin, Greek, Rabbin. Heb., Syriac; and *RICHARDI BENTLEII Critica Sacra*, preserved in the British Museum, ii. 357, 358. Plut. cxliv. B. The latter of these two volumes contains various emendations of the Text of the Septuagint. Cp. Answer to Middleton’s Remarks on Proposals for an edition of Gr. Test. D. B. iii. p. 528.

PAGE 481, *l.* 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 15.—A specimen of the *Hesychius Sacer* was published in 1716; but the work itself never appeared. See Mutzenbecher, *Præf. Schleusner. Thes. Vet. Test.* p. xx.

PAGE 484, *l.* 1.—From Trin. Coll. Muniment Room.

Line 16.—From *Hesychii Lexicon Alberti*, Tom. i. d. 2.

PAGE 485, *l.* 1.—Ep. ad Mill. M. B. i. pp. 24, 31, 406. On the interpolation and *epitomization* of *Hesychius* by more recent Grammarians, see Bentley, Ep. ad Mill. p. 286; Ruhnken. *Præf. ad Hesych.* Vol. ii.; Ruhnken. *Opusc. Fried.* i. p. 181; Wytten. *Opusc.* i. 642; Blomfield, *Q. R.* xlv. p. 309. No doubt can be entertained concerning the *interpolations*; but whether *Hesychius* was *epitomized* also, is not so clear. Cp. Schow. *Præf. ad Hesych. Lex. Collat.* Lips. 1792, p. vi. “Solus Bentley, qui per salebrosas literarum Græcarum vias facem ubique prætulit, in *Hesychio* quoque emendando *Salmasii* præsertim et *Is. Vossii* vestigiis insistens veram nobis viam aperuit; aliumque sanè *Hesychii* textum hodie haberemus, si subsidia *Albertina* in manibus summi hujus critici fuissent. Bentley non modo seriem ab ipso *Hesychio* accurate observatam fuisse contendebat, verum et *Glossas Biblicas*

quæ ordini hodie repugnant ex archetypi margine a scriba negliger in textum injectas existimabat. Hæc opinio tam simplex et vera, simulque acuta et profunda, quæ ad majora ducere poterat a sequioribus criticis parum plaudebatur, a quibusdam neglecta, et aliis parum intellecta.”—The materials for this Letter are to be seen in the MS. volume in the Benteian Collection in the Trin. Coll. Library, B. 17. 20; and in Bentley’s MSS. Notes in the margin of his Hesychius, B. 17. 18.

PAGE 488, *l.* 19.—See Remarks on Freethinking, D. B. iii. 350. Schow. Præf. ad Collat. Codicis Marciani. 8vo. Lips. 1792; on the history of the MS. pp. x. xiv. see Blomfield, Q. R. xlv. p. 309.

PAGE 489, *l.* 7.—‘Theocrito:’ Theocr. xv. 13.

Line 22.—‘Christianorum:’ G. Cyrilli, Stephani, Theodori, &c. Schow. l. c. p. xix.

PAGE 490, *l.* 1.—So emended, p. 210, *l.* 26, and in Gale’s MSS. notes on Hesychius, in Trin. Coll. Library, O. 10. 15: at the end of which volume is a specimen, in Bentley’s earlier hand, of a sketch of a new edition of Hesychius. The same library contains Bp. Pearson’s MSS. Collections on Hesychius “retrieved to Trin. Coll. by Thomas Gale, D. D. in 1701,” in 3 vols. folio, marked R. 9. 5,—6. 7.

Line 5.—This is the last letter, which is preserved, from Kuster to Bentley. He died 12th October, 1716. Concerning the circumstances of his end, see La Croze, Thesaur. Epist. iii. p. 152; though the account there given does not correspond with that of Boissonade, Bibl. Univ. xxii. 591. Cp. M. B. i. 404.

PAGE 496, *l.* 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 500, *l.* 20.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 502, *l.* 18.—The originals of this and the following letter to Archbishop Wake are preserved among the MSS. bequeathed by him to the Library of Christ Church, Oxford. That the copies here given are more correct than those hitherto presented to the world is due to the kindness of The Very Rev. The Dean of Christ Church, who collated the originals for

the present edition. In the Lambeth Library, (Wake's MSS. 1133, p. 139), there is a transcript of the greater part of the first letter, from p. 502, l. 23, to p. 506, l. 15. On the subject of the letters, see Bentley's own "Proposals," Works, iii. 477; Wetstein de editione proposita Benteleii Proleg. N. T. p. 153; M. B. i. 397—405; ii. 16, 19, 118—150, 239, 286; Bentley's Works, iii. 475—578. The materials for his proposed edition of the N. T. are now in the Benteleian Collection in the Trin. Coll. Library. They consist of a Copy of the Greek Testament, in folio, Paris, apud Claudium Sonnum, 1628, interleaved, and filled with collations in Bentley's hand. This is evidently the Copy from which he intended to print his edition. It is marked B. 17. 6. For the preparation of his Latin Text, he used S. Hieronymi Opera, tom. i. lettered B. 17. 14. A second Copy of the Paris edition of 1628, folio, was used principally by him as a depository of his collations of the Latin Version, and is lettered B. 17. 5. It appears from collations made by John Walker for Dr. Bentley, bearing dates 1733, 1735, 1738, (in Trin. Coll. Lib.), that the design of the edition of the Greek Testament was not abandoned in 1729, as has been supposed; nor indeed was it so at all. See at p. 508, l. 4.

PAGE 503, l. 3.—Bentley's Works, iii. 347; Marsh's Lectures, p. 123, (1828). See p. 515, l. 24.

Line 30.—Alexandrine MS. See p. 2, l. 1. It was for many years in the custody of Bentley, as Keeper of the King's Library; (Cp. M. B. i. p. 101; ii. p. 309); and was rescued by him from fire in 1731. See at p. 506, l. 4. He had also collated it: Wetst. Proleg. p. 8.

PAGE 504, l. 1.—But see Bentley's assertion, D. B. iii. p. 351; of St. Jerome's expression, '*Et verborum ordo mysterium est*,' see Bentley's Works, iii. 506-9. Cp. p. 505, l. 1.

Line 16.—'Able hand:' J. J. Wetstein, (see his Proleg. ad N. T. pp. 27, 153; and Bentley's Works, iii. p. 478; and at p. 508, l. 22), with whom Bentley had become acquainted in the beginning of this year (1716). Cp. at p. 509, l. 24; M. B. ii. 120. Bentley paid Wetstein fifty pounds for his collation of this CODEX EPHRAIMI RESCRIPTUS. See his MS. note in the copy of the Greek Test. (Roterod. 1654), in which the collation is contained, in the Trin. Coll. Collection, B. 17. 7. See p. 520, l. 16. Of this Codex, see Porson's Tracts, p. 297; Scholz. § 39, c. sec. vi.

Line 22.—See Mill. Proleg. N. T. 1271; and on the other side denying that it was exclusively “in usum Occidentalium.” Kipling Præf. ad Cod. Bez. Cant. 1793, pp. vii. xv.; Marsh’s Lectures, p. 88. Bentley had made, in early life, a collation of the CODEx BEZÆ, in his copy of R. Stephens’ edition, Paris, 1549, now in the Trin. Coll. Collection, B. 17. 4. His collation of the other Codex Primarius of the N. T., viz. the Codex VATICANUS (“qui anteit omnes veneranda vetustate, sec. enim v. scriptus est:” Scholz. Proleg. N. T. § 39) was made by the Abbé Rulotta, (see p. 706, l. 3); it is contained in the volume of the Benteian Collection, lettered B. 17. 3. Cp. Nichols’ Anecdotes, Vol. ix. p. 11.

PAGE 505, l. 1.—See Hieron. Epist. ad Pammachium: “Et ego enim non solum fateor, sed libera voce profiteor, me in interpretatione Græcorum *absque Scripturis Sanctis, ubi et verborum Ordo mysterium est*, non verbum e verbo, sed sensum exprimere e sensu.” Casley Præf. Cat. Bib. Reg. p. xx. “That the *order* of the Words is kept in his Version is a matter of fact, which plainly appears from old MSS. thereof. And such as have the Latin Version in the same volume with the Greek, not only answer word for word, but line for line, as the old copy of the Acts of the Apostles in the Bodleian, and the two books whereof Montfaucon gives specimens in p. 216 and 219 of his Palæographia, and others; which alone is a sufficient confutation of Dr. Middleton’s two angry pamphlets against Dr. Bentley’s Proposals for printing a new edition of the Greek and Latin Testament.”

Line 22.—‘Complutenses:’ See Bishop Smalbroke’s Letter, in Dyce’s Bentley, iii. p. 486; see also p. 592; Porson’s Letters to Travis, p. vi.; M. B. ii. p. 146.

Line 24.—‘Booksellers:’ But see Bentley himself, Works, iii. p. 353.

Line 27.—Even Mill followed it to a letter, though he believed it to be incorrect in 2000 places. See Bentley’s Works, iii. 503, 525, 527.

PAGE 506, l. 4.—‘Sextus [V.] Clemens [VIII.]:’ See Bentley’s Sermon on Popery, iii. 248. “Two Popes, with equal pretence to infallibility, shall each sanctify a different copy, with ten thousand variations.”

Line 31.—‘A casual fire should take his Majesty’s Library.’

This accident actually occurred fifteen years after this letter was written, Oct. 23, 1731; when the Alexandrine MS. was rescued from the flames by Dr. Bentley. "One hundred and eleven books were lost, burnt, or entirely defaced, and ninety-nine rendered imperfect." Letters from the Bodleian, ii. p. 86; M. B. ii. 308; Casley's Cat. p. 313.

PAGE 507, *l.* 17.—On the suppression of the Rebellion. M. B. i. 400.

PAGE 508, *l.* 4.—Wetstein, Proleg. N.T. 109: "In Anglia reperiuntur Codices Evangeliorum (Latini) omnium vetustissimi, præcipue Londini in Bibliotheca Cottoniana, et Cantabrigiæ in Collegio Benedicti, ex quibus utinam Editio Versionis Hieronymi emendatissima, quam ante hos annos triginta una cum Novo Testamento ad prælium paraverat, et fratris filio edendum reliquerat, Vir sagacissimus Richardus Bentleius tandem aliquando in lucem prodiret!"

Line 13.—Election of scholars to Trinity and Christ Church.

Line 20.—Perhaps for Dr. Mill; see Clermont copy, p. 34, *l.* 1. See M. B. i. 400. At Paris, where Wake was Chaplain to Lord Preston, the British Ambassador.

Line 22.—Jean Jaques Wetstein, of Basle, employed by Bentley to collate MSS. of the N. T., and afterwards Editor of the *Novum Testamentum Græcum*, 2 Voll. fol. Amst. 1751-2. Cp. M. B. ii. 120. In Trin. Coll. Collection, B. 17. 10. 11, are collations of upwards of thirty MSS. by Wetstein, with this note prefixed by Bentley: "Variæ Lectiones ex MSS. manu et opera Johannis Jacobi Wetsteinii, 1716. Rich. Bentley." See p. 504, *l.* 16.

PAGE 509, *l.* 1.—PP. Montfaucon et de la Rue, Benedictines of the Abbey of St. Germain des Près at Paris. Of Bernard de Montfaucon (born 1655, died 1741), Editor of *Analecta Græca*, 1688; *St. Athanasius*, 3 Voll. fol. 1698; *Diarium Italicum*, 4to. 1702; *Collectio nova Patrum Gr.* 2 Voll. fol. 1706; *Palæogr. Gr.* 1708; *Origenis Hexapla*, 2 Voll. fol. 1713; *Biblioth. Coislin.* fol. 1715; *Chrysostomus*, 13 Voll. fol. 1718—1738; *L'Antiquité Expliquée*, 10 Voll. fol. 1719, &c., see *Hist. Litt. de la Congr. de St. Maur*, p. 585. Of De la Rue, see p. 511, *l.* 1.

Line 8.—'P. Martianai:' Editor of *St. Jerome*, Par. 1699—1706, (see p. 514, *l.* 11), 5 Voll. fol. His labours, alluded to by

Wetstein, were interrupted by his death in the following year, 16th of June, 1717.

Line 18.—‘Père Lequien:’ See p. 267, l. 4; p. 518, l. 23; Grabe ad Irenæum, p. xx.

Line 24.—‘MS. d’Ephrem:’ See p. 504, l. 16; p. 510, l. 19; p. 519, l. 19; p. 520, l. 16 (note); p. 524, l. 27; p. 532, l. 25; M. B. ii. p. 120.

PAGE 510, l. 13.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 511, l. 1.—P. de la Rue, Charles de la Rue, of Corbie, pupil of Montfaucon, Editor of 3 Vols. of Origen (in 1733—1740), and Uncle of C. Vincent de la Rue, who published the fourth and last Volume in 1759.

Line 13.—‘P. Simon:’ Richard Simon of the Oratory, author of Hist. Crit. Vet. T. et N. T. 1681; Textus N. T. 1689; Versionum N. T. 169; Commentatorum N. T. 1693. Most of his works were printed in Holland, not in France.

Line 17.—See p. 518, l. 22.

PAGE 512, l. 1.—T. Rud, or Rudd, of Trinity College, A. B. 1687; A. M. 1692; brother of the Rud who writes to Bentley, p. 536: see pp. 592, 597, 607.

Line 4.—‘The Dean:’ Dr. Montague, Bentley’s predecessor in the Mastership of Trinity.

Line 7.—In B. 17. 14, in Trin. Coll. Lib., Bentley has inserted, in his own hand, collations of “K. Codex Evang., plus mille annorum, literis capitalibus, ex Bibliotheca Dunelmensi, folio;” and “E. Codex Evang. plus mille annorum, sed imperfectus, ex ecclesia Dunelmensi, folio.”

PAGE 513, l. 5.—‘Correctorium Bibliæ.’ See pp. 524, 539, 541; Wetstein, Proleg. N. T. p. 85: “Cum ingens studiosorum multitudo in Acad. Paris. literis daret operam, ibidem etiam plurimi Bibliopolæ officinas suas extruxerunt atque inprimis libros S.S. describi curaverunt; cumque librarii negligenter et parum emendate Codices exararent, Academiae Proceres, et qui cum illis faciebat Archiepiscopus Senonensis, statuerunt quodnam exemplar pro aliorum norma esset habendum, et quomodo codices alii ex eo essent corrigendi. Hoc videtur gestum A. 1230 et 1256. Unde duplicis *Correctorii*, Parisini sive Senonensis, fit mentio.” The

Correctorium Dominicanum, made soon after, being authorized by the Roman Pontiffs, obtained more general credit than the Parisinum.

PAGE 516, *l.* 20.—‘Order of 16th Epode.’ Probably the allusion is to the seeming violation of chronological order, in placing the accomplice of Catiline the ‘infidelis Allobrox’ *before* Hannibal.

PAGE 517, *l.* 14.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 20.—‘Aymonii scelere:’ R. B. note MS. in B. 17. 14. p. 1439. “W. Codex 4 Evang. 700 annorum, 4to., Scriptura Hibernica, Biblioth. Harleianæ, sed furto subreptus ex Biblioth. Regis Galliarum.” See p. 544, *l.* 25, and Marsh, Michael. Vol. ii. P. ii. p. 245.

PAGE 520, *l.* 11.—From the Appendix to Krighout’s *Memoria Wetsteniana Vindicata*, 4to. Amst. 1755; from which scarce volume this and two other letters (see pp. 522, 532) have been obligingly transcribed and communicated by Mr. Dyce. Cp. M. B. ii. p. 120; D. B. iii. p. 478.

Line 16.—‘Ephraim:’ The collation was made by Wetstein, in an edition of the Gr. Test. ex officinâ Arnoldi Leers, Roterodami, 1654, 12mo; now in the Trin. Coll. Collection, B. 17. 7: on the fly leaf of which are the two following entries by Bentley (the words in Italics being written by Wetstein): “*Collatio hujus Codicis constitit R. Benteio quinquaginta Libris Sterlingis.*” “*Cum hoc Codice collatus est Codex Ephrem MS. in Bibliotheca Regia, Parisiis, 1716, opera Wetstenii. Codex M^{stus}. est plus mille annorum, cui ob fugitivas fere literas, jam ante sæcula aliquot, superscriptus est Ephraimi Syri liber.*” Cp. Wetst. Proleg. N. T. i. p. 153.

PAGE 521, *l.* 9.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 20.—‘Humphrey:’ David Humphreys, Fellow of Trinity College, A.M. 1715; Translator of Athenagoras, &c., Lond. 1714. See pp. 521, 525, 535, 547, 612.

PAGE 522, *l.* 19.—See at p. 520, *l.* 14.

PAGE 523, *l.* 2.—Now in Trin. Coll. Library, interleaved, B. 17. 6.

Line 18.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 524, l. 15.—See at p. 554, l. 11.

Line 27.—See p. 520, l. 16.

PAGE 526, l. 14.—From the *European Magazine* for December, 1801, Vol. xl. p. 409. Bentley's letter to Clarke concerning his note on *Iliad*, i. 37, and mentioned in Porson's *Tracts*, p. 133, is not known to be extant. It was seen, as Mr. Kidd states, in the hands of Dr. Clarke's son, some time after his father's death. In one of the last notes which Clarke wrote, on *Iliad*, xvi. 172, he refers to Bentley's restoration of the Digamma to Homer. Of Bentley's opinion of Clarke's Homer, see Heyne, *Præf. Hom.* iii. p. xxxiii. note.

PAGE 527, l. 20.—Of 'the late address' to the throne, and the other circumstances referred to in this letter, see M. B. i. 417. Cp. Bp. VanMildert's *Life of Waterland*, i. 20.

Line 32.—'King's (George I.) Present'—Of 30,000 volumes, from Bp. Moore's Library, M. B. i. 377.

PAGE 528, l. 1.—Of the projects for these English *Delphin* editions, under Bentley's superintendence, see M. B. i. 406.

Line 32.—'Hicksian doctrines:' D. B. iii. 281; M. B. i. 426; Letter from the Bodleian, i. 9, 69; Burnet's *Own Time*, iv. p. 369.

PAGE 529, l. 10.—From an anonymous tract (Lond. 1717), of which the title is given in Bentley's *Works*, iii. 484: a second edition of it appeared in 1721.

Line 16.—Bentley delivered his famous *Prælectio* on this verse May 1, 1717, exactly four months after the date of this letter. M. B. ii. 16, 19. See Whiston's *Memoirs*, p. 314; Bentley's *Works*, iii. 485. What the tenor of that *Prælection* was, may be gathered from the remarks on the subject in Casley's *Preface* to his *Catalogue of the Royal Library*, p. xxi., where, 'from conversations with his worthy patron, the truly reverend Dr. Bentley,' he vindicates Bentley's assertions on this and other questions of Biblical Criticism. The person who speaks as follows is surely not Casley, but BENTLEY, p. xxi.:—"But how to account for this verse being first inserted is the difficulty; and some hotheads have not stuck to call it a grand forgery. But I hope better

things, and that it may be made to have appeared by a mistake of a Latin Scribe, in the eighth or ninth century, on the following occasion: St. Cyprian, a famous Latin Father, has the words of that verse in his works; and it is no wonder if they were transcribed thence into the margin, or between the lines of the eighth verse, of a book of some one who had a great veneration for that Father, as a gloss, which is very common in MSS.; as it is not improbable that Cassiodorus, in his *Complexiones in Epistolas*, and others who have the words, took them from Cyprian. Next, a copyist, being employed to write out this particular book, and finding the words so inserted, imagined that the former copyist, by mistake, had omitted them, and therefore put them in the text. Such insertions of explanatory words or sentences from the margin into the text are common in MSS. Jerom, in one of his letters, says, that an explanatory note, which he had made himself in the margin of his Psalter, had been incorporated by some transcriber into the text. Dr. Bentley, in the 96th page of his Epistle annexed to Malala's Chronicle, has proved $\Sigma\iota\nu\alpha\ \delta\acute{\rho}\omicron\varsigma\ \epsilon\sigma\tau\iota\nu\ \epsilon\nu\ \tau\eta\ \textit{\text{A}}\rho\alpha\beta\acute{\iota}\alpha$, in Galat. iv. 25, to be of the same stamp. And thus this insertion might rest till a long time after, and then, of course, the sham Preface to the Catholic Epistles must be made, complaining of the unfaithful translators for leaving it out! Whereas, it being matter of fact, that no Greek Copies of this Epistle had that verse save one at Berlin, which is discovered to have been transcribed from the *printed Biblia Complutensia*, and another modern one at Dublin, probably translated or printed from the Latin Vulgate, neither the author of the Preface, nor any friend for him, searched for it in any Greek copy. And it is not altogether improbable, that they *could not do it*, the proverb, *Græcum est, non potest legi*, being remarkably true of those times. Nay, long before, and longer after, the making of this Preface, the Fathers of the Latin Church were generally ignorant of the Greek tongue." See also p. xxiv. "To return to 1 Joh. v. 7, when the foresaid Preface was made, then was the text also inserted in other copies that had it not, several of which are now to be found in Libraries."

The following is a copy of a paper, (now in Trin. Coll. Collection), in Cumberland's hand, of a list of MSS. Bentleian Papers, of which the Prælection was one. The first four articles there mentioned are among those presented by Cumberland to Trinity College:—

“ *List of papers delivered to Dr. Johnson—*

- Four Letters from Mr. Newton to Dr. Bentley.
 Directions preparatory to the Study of the Princ., by do. to do.
 Letter from Mr. Caswell, the Mathematician, on the subject of
 an apparition.
 Letter from Mr. Kelsey on the Thericlean Cups.
 Clerum on the Coloss. cap. iv. 16, by Dr. Bentley.
 Prælectio in 1 Johan. 5, v. 7 & 8, by do.
 Sermon on St. Joh. cap. 20, v. 29, St. Thomas.
 Do. on 1 Cor. c. xv. v. 35, Resurrection*.
 Do. on Galat. cap. vi. v. 4 & 5, *Bear our own burthens*.
 Do. on Whitsunday.
 Do. on Luke, c. ii. 13, Glory to God, &c. &c. &c.

“ R. CUMBERLAND.”

PAGE 530, l. 5.—‘ 20,000 years.’ See p. 552, l. 5. The *twenty* MSS. include *Collations*, and these, too, both of the Greek text and *Latin Version*. Compare this passage with Bentley’s Works, iii. 502, 519, and p. 75, l. 4. Compare also ‘Porson Vindicated,’ p. 226, note.

Line 8.—‘ 60,000.’ See Phil. Lips. pp. 347, 488, 518.

Line 13.—‘ Nothing to any conjecture.’ See Proposals, in Works, iii. 488.

PAGE 531, l. 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 532, l. 19.—See at p. 520, l. 11.

Line 24.—See p. 524, l. 32.

PAGE 533, l. 14.—From Trin. Coll. Collection. Without date of *year*; but it was written *before* 12th October, 1716, since it mentions Kuster, (p. 536, l. 19), who died then. It was probably written on the 1st of May in that year.

PAGE 534, l. 13.—Of Needham’s admiration for Bentley, see Præfat. to his Theophrast., dedicated to Bishop More, ed. 1712, and his Hierocles. M. B. i. 226.

* Part of an unpublished Sermon by Dr. Bentley, on Future Punishments, is in the possession of The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol.

PAGE 536, l. 21.—The following unpublished Letter from Dr. Bentley was discovered by the Reverend Francis Martin, M. A., Senior Bursar of Trinity College, in the Muniment Room of the College, in the autumn of 1841.

“GOOD COSIN, “CAMBRIDGE, July 22nd, 1717.

“When I had the honour of meeting you on Saturday last, I insisted on the clause in the Act, p. 189, ‘which forbids to charge any Reader or Officer of the University for or in respect of any Stipends, Wages, Rents, Profits, or Exhibitions whatsoever, arising or growing due to him in respect of his said place or employment in the said University.’ I proved myself to be this person in every branch of the clause by express words of another Act of Parliament of 10 Q. Anne.

“That, besides the stile of Professor Regius, I am called *Reader of Divinity*; and in King James’s letters patent, *Lector Sacrosanctæ Theologiæ*: That I should hold everything at Somerham, Pidley, and Coln, as *increase of stipend and profits*: That I hold it in *respect and in virtue of my Reader’s place and Employment*; the whole Act of 10 Q. Anne being made for that purpose; which distinguishes my case from Dr. Beaumont’s and Dr. James’s.

“If, therefore, I am that person described in the clause, p. 189, I am expressly discharged from taxes by virtue of the said clause. To this it was objected on your part, that, by a following clause, p. 190, whereby all lands, &c., belonging to any Hospital or Almshouse, or settled to any charitable or pious use, as were expressed in the 4th year of W. & M. (and no other), are liable to be charged by this Act; and that Somerham was assessed in that year, 1693, in the person of Dr. Beaumont, then Regius Professor or Reader of Divinity. To which objection it was answered by me, that Somerham, &c., in 1693, did not belong to any charitable or pious use, Dr. Beaumont, for want of institution and induction, having no title to them; so they were taxable of [as?] lands unoccupied, Act, p. 193, and not as settled for charitable use. Had Dr. Beaumont’s title been good, he was actually exempted 1693. That the words *charitable* and *pious use* never meant the Universities, which are Bodies Politick and Corporate, some of the eminentest of the kingdome; yet the very order of the words shewed that [they meant?] *Hospitals, Almshouses, or lands or rents settled to any charitable or pious use*: which last in common sense must mean something inferior to an Almshouse.

“ That the words of the clause, p. 189, are general and express, ‘ That nothing in this Act (in this whole Act), shall extend to charge any reader, &c.’ What confidence then is it, to draw those words in the very next page *charitable or pious use*, to extend to the said reader? Is not this to make mere nonsense and contradiction of the Act? Again, p. 191, the very next after the said clause of *charitable or pious use*, it is again repeated, *any Reader in either University, or other person or persons before exempted by this Act*. How could the Act say, such reader was before exempted by this Act; if the words *charitable or pious use*, the very page before, could be supposed to draw him in? But this being the sole objection produced (as indeed there can be no other), after my return home, I consulted some books to know what the law called *charitable and pious uses*; and there, in the 43 Eliz. c. 4, called an *Act to redress the Misemployment of Lands, Goods, and Stocks of Money heretofore given to charitable uses*, I find them all described and enumerated—some for relief of aged, impotent, and poor people; some for maintenance of sick and maimed soldiers and mariners, schools of learning, free schools, and scholars in Universities; some for repair of bridges, ports, havens, causeways, churches, seabanks, and highways; some for education and preferment of orphans; some for or towards relief, stock, or maintenance for houses of correction; some for marriages of poor maids; some for supportation, aid, and help of young tradesmen, handicraftsmen, and persons decayed; and others for relief or redemption of prisoners and captives, or for aid and ease of any poor inhabitants concerning payments of fifteenths, setting out of soldiers, and other taxes: All these are called, afterwards, in the said Act, *charitable and godly uses*; and such of this kind as were taxed in 1693 may be taxed now in 1717. But is there any, among these, that brings my stipend and profits under the notion of a charitable and pious use? But to cut off all cavil, the first proviso in the said Act, 43 Eliz., is this: ‘ Provided always, that neither this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall in anywise extend to any lands, tenements, annuities, profits, goods, chattels, money, or stocks of money, given, limited, appointed, and assigned to any college, hall, or house of learning within the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.’

“ So that the definition of a thing in law settled for *charitable or pious use*, is such a thing as the Lord Chancellor can grant a

Commission of Inquiry about the management of it. But by this Act no such commission can be granted for Somerham, or for any settlement on the University or any College.

“ Upon the whole, Cosin, you will soon be satisfied, that my exemption, when it comes before the twelve Judges, will be found as plain as any demonstration in geometry. And as you are convinced an action does lie against the commissioners in the case of exemption, though not in the quantity of assessment, where no exemption is pleaded, I write this out of pure respect to you, that if you do not think fit to alter your assessment, yet since you and Mr. Peacock are neuters in the affair, and neither gain nor lose, whether I am exempted or not, so you would require of Mr. Underwood sufficient bond to bear you harmless, if a law-suit proceeds against you upon your ordering your collectors to distrain upon my goods. I am sure it will much abate the pleasure of my victory, if I am to have part of principal and costs refunded out of your pocket. There is another I would add, which is both in the Act, p. 146, and your own paper of assessment: That every person is to be assessed for his *office and employment* in the place where the same is exercised, though the revenue or profits arising by such office or employment are payable elsewhere; so that, were I really taxable, I should be taxed at Cambridge, and not at Somerham; and you will be cast upon this clause as well as the former.

“ Remember, Cosin, that all the Professors and Readers of both Universities are excused from taxes but myself; and it was a particular case of Dr. James, who for other reasons took institution and induction, that made him pay, while others were freed; which, when laid before the Judges, will soon put an end to the affair. And therefore, again, take care to have 200*l.* at least, good security to be made harmless.

“ I am your affectionate Relation and humble Servant,
“ R. BENTLEY.”

The following, annexed to the letter, is from Bentley's hand:—

“ *Obj.* My Professorship was founded since the first Act in the 4th of Wm. & M.;

And, therefore,

“ *Answ.* Taxes are laid and exempted by virtue of the present Act of each year; and I am exempted in these present Acts.

“ R. B.”

The Editor, having communicated the preceding letter to The Very Reverend Dr. Turton, Dean of Peterborough and now Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge, was favoured by him with the following observations upon it, for which he begs to offer his best acknowledgments:—

“ James I., by Letters Patent, granted to the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, the Rectory of Somersham, and for the increase of the stipend of the Regius Professor of Divinity there; declaring it to be his will and pleasure, that the said Rectory should be annexed to the Professorship by Act of Parliament; at the same time, (I believe), and in a similar manner, he granted a Canonry of Christ Church, Oxford, to the Regius Professor of Divinity in that University; also, the Lay Impropriation of Terrington, and a Benefice (of which I do not recollect the name) to the Lady Margaret Professors in Cambridge and Oxford respectively.

“ The Grants of King James were confirmed by an Act of Parliament, in the 10th year of Queen Anne.

“ Dr. Bentley was elected Regius Professor in 1717; in which year the Land Tax Act contained a clause, stating, that nothing in the Act should extend to charge any College or Hall in Oxford or Cambridge, or any Reader, Officer, or Minister of the said Universities, for or in respect of any Stipends, Wages, Rents, Profits, or Exhibitions whatsoever, arising or growing due to them in respect of the said several places or employments in the said Universities.

“ This Land Tax Act seems to have very soon attracted Dr. Bentley's attention; for, in the letter to his ‘ Good Cosin,’ dated 22 July, 1717, he wrote like a man who had well considered the point in dispute, and fully made up his mind on the subject. The ‘ Good Cosin’* and Mr. Peacock were, probably, *Assessors* of Land Tax at Somersham; and Mr. Underwood may have been a *Commissioner* of Land Tax. But, however this may be, it appears, that Dr. Bentley subsequently applied to the Commissioners of Land Tax, who paid but little attention to his plea of exemption. Dr. Bentley, however, nothing daunted, steadily resisted the payment of Land Tax; and, in consequence, (April 3rd, 1718) the *Collectors* of Land Tax (Roger Taylor, jun. and John Lis-

* Probably one of the Bernard Family of Bramton, Huntingdonshire, and a relative of Dr. Bentley's *Wife*.

ter) distrained upon his goods. On this, Dr. Bentley brought an action against the Collectors, at the ensuing Huntingdon Assizes, 'to try whether the Commissioners had power to tax the Rectory or not.' From the papers in my possession, the result of the Trial can in no other way be collected, than from the following note in the hand-writing of Bishop Watson, when Regius Professor of Divinity: 'Dr. Bentley lost his suit, because, as I have heard Mr. Greaves* say, Parties ran high at that time.'

"Bishop Watson sufficiently indicates his opinion respecting the decision of the Jury, as well by the preceding statement, as by a remark, that 'The Lady Margaret's Professor pays no Land Tax for his Living, which he holds by the same Act of Parliament that the Regius Professor holds Somersham.' Indeed, unless there was some legal distinction bearing upon the matter, between the *Lay Impropriation* of Terrington, held by the Margaret Professor, and the *Rectory* of Somersham, held by the Regius Professor, it is not easy to understand why the former should have been exempted from the Land Tax and the latter made liable to it.

"I cannot find that the point was ever referred to the Twelve Judges.

"The arguments addressed by Dr. Bentley to his 'Good Cousin,' were embodied in a Brief for the use of Counsel at the Huntingdon Assizes. The Counsel engaged was Serjeant Reynolds.

"One part of the Brief exhibits a capital specimen of Bentley's shrewdness. I extract it for your use or amusement:—

" 'Perhaps they may say, that the Plaintiff made his appeal to the Commissioners of the Land Tax, and, by so doing, subjected himself to their determination; and they having determined against him, such determination should be final.

" 'To this we say, an appeal to the Commissioners is, properly, where a person is charged that ought to be charged, but only conceives himself overcharged, and therefore appeals to the Commissioners on that account; but not where a person comes to acquaint the Commissioners, before they ratify an assessment in which he has been assessed by the Assessors, that they have no power to charge him at all. And the fact was really so in the present case; for, when the Plaintiff heard he was assessed, he went to the Commissioners upon a day of appeal, who asked the Plaintiff if

* Mr. Greaves was during many years Commissary of the University. T. T.

he came to appeal to them; who declared he did not, but only to acquaint them, for their safety and his own ease and quiet, that his Rectory was exempt by an Act of Parliament, which he supposed they were strangers to; and that, therefore, he had brought it to shew them; but, at last, finding that they were resolved to assess him, and give him all the trouble they could, he told them, if they did assess him, that he would bring an action, or words to that effect.'

"T. TURTON."

Line 22.—From Trin. Coll. Collection. The Christian name of the writer is illegible. *Edward* Rud was Fellow of Trinity, A. M. 1702, S. T. P. 1717; Writer of the Diary, M. B. Pref. p. x.; Curate of St. Michael's, Cambridge.

PAGE 537, l. 28.—'My Brother:' Thomas Rud. See p. 512, l. 2.

PAGE 539, l. 13.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 15.—See p. 541, l. 26.

PAGE 540, l. 10.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 541, l. 9.—From Wetstein's Proleg. to his N. T. p. 153.

Line 15.—'Codicem illum,' Paulinarum Epistolarum Augiensem. It is now in the Trin. Coll. Collection, lettered B. 17. 1, having been presented to the College by Bentley's nephew, Dr. Richard Bentley, together with a copy of the Oxford edition of the Greek Test. Fell, 8vo. 1675, marked B. 17. 8, in which Bentley has made a collation of the Codex Augiensis, and inscribed the following words on the fly leaf: "Deinde hic liber collatus est cum Codice Paulinarum Epistolarum, literis capitalibus, sine accentibus, plus 800 annorum, descripto vero ex Codice egregio, qualis nullus hodie extat. Porro is Codex nunc (1718) est Richardi Bentley." Of Bentley's great partiality for this MS. see Wets. Proleg. ii. p. 9. Outside the wood cover of the Codex Augiensis, (B. 17. 1.) 4to., are the words 'Epistole Pauli, Grece et Latine,' black letter; Inside, 'Georgii Michaelis Wepfer Shaphusiani. Jam Ludovici Christiani Miegii. Emptus hic codex Richardo Benteio A. Dⁿⁱ. MDCCXVIII.' At end by R. B. "Monasterium Augiæ (*Rheingau*) in Belgis, ubi institutus est Godeschalius." (In the Codex Boernerianus are passages marked in the

margin as ‘contra Γοδδίσκαλκον’ Gottschalk, the famous Monk of the 9th century.) Cp. Scholz. Proleg. N. T. ii. p. xxii. F. Augiensis Collegii Trinitatis Cantabrigiæ, antea Bentleii, olim monasterii Augiæ majoris in Helvetia, Membr. sec. x. Dr. Richard Bentley also bequeathed to the College a MS. of St. Paul’s Epistles, which had belonged to his uncle, and which is a transcript of the Codex Boernerianus (which Scholz supposes to have been written in England in ix. century). It is marked B. 17. 2.

PAGE 542, l. 5.—‘Reuchlini Codice.’ Wets. Proleg. N. T. i. 42.

Line 7.—Wetstein had placed some marks after memoraveris intimating, probably, that something is here omitted.

Line 14.—‘Uberem copiam:’ The following, from Thomas Bentley, Library Keeper of Trin. Coll., to Lord Oxford’s Librarian, Mr. Humphrey Wanley, preserved in Harl. MSS. 3778, Brit. Mus., speaks of one of these MSS. (indorsed “Mr. Bentley, of Trin. Coll. Camb. Received Ap. 8, 1716”).

“SIR,

“After a diligent search in the right-hand class for the Psalterium, I found this I have sent, which I am in hopes is the right one: whilst I was looking for it, I met with, by chance, a Latin MS. of the Evangelists, which my Uncle says is one of the finest and oldest he ever saw.

“When my Lord Harley has done with this book, I beg that the servant who brings it to Cambridge, may be ordered to leave it with Mr. Walker, Bachelor of Arts, of Trinity College. Be pleased, Sir, to present my most humble service to his Lordship. I shall always be most ready and willing to shew my gratitude to him.

“I am, with all respect,

“Sir, your most humble obedient Servant,

“T. BENTLEY.”

“For Mr. WANLEY, at WIMPOLE.”

Line 17.—From Wetst. Proleg. N. T. p. 154.

PAGE 544, l. 9.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 25.—‘Aimundus:’ see p. 517, l. 20.

PAGE 546, l. 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 548, l. 8.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 549, *l.* 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 3.—‘*Thuillierius*:’ D. Antoine Vincent Thuillier, confrère of Montfaucon, De la Rue, Mopinot, and Sabatier, in the Benedictine Monastery of the Congregation of St. Maur, translator of Polybius, editor of *Ouvrages Posthumes* of D. I. Mabillon, &c.; died in 1736: his death was followed by that of his friend De la Rue: ‘*la Mort précipitée* (*Hist. Litt. de la Congreg. d. S. Maur*, p. 573) de Dom. Vincent Thuillier, son ami intime, enlevé presque à la fleur de son âge, frappe le P. de la Rue du même coup.”

Line 6.—‘*Nostri codicis*:’ see at p. 2, *l.* 1.

Line 16.—‘*Duo e nostris Sodalibus*:’ see p. 558, *l.* 12.

PAGE 551, *l.* 17.—From Sabatier’s Preface to *Bibliorum Sacrorum Latinæ versiones*, pp. xxxi.—xxxii. § lxxiii. See p. 558, *l.* 25. This fragment of Bentley’s letter is thus introduced: “*Equidem vir doctus, qui de nobis optimè est meritus dum viveret, fuit in ea sententia, in qua eum fuisse scribit Casleyus, idque datis literis ad unum è nostris significavit. At propterea adeo frustraneus Benedictinorum labor ipsi non est visus, ut eum longè fore utilissimum aestimaverit et nobis calcar addiderit. Quid verò moror ejus verba referre?*” See p. 569, *l.* 1.

PAGE 552, *l.* 5.—The original of this letter is in the possession of the Rev. T. S. Hughes, B. D., who has kindly allowed a transcript of it to be made for this work.

Of John Walker, Fellow of Trinity College, and the assistance he rendered to Bentley, especially by the collation of MSS. in his preparations for his edition of the Greek Testament, of which Walker was to have been joint-editor with Bentley, see M. B. ii. 122-8.

Three copies of the Greek Testament (i. e. (1) Schleger, 1620, small 4to.; (2) Wetstein, Amst. 1711, 2 vol. 12mo.; (3) Wets. Amst. 1735, 2 vols. 12mo.) containing collations in Walker’s hand of EIGHTY-EIGHT MSS. were purchased of his descendants by Trinity College, in the Mastership of Dr. Wordsworth, and are now with the Benteian MSS. in the College Library. The Collations which Walker made expressly for Bentley’s use are contained in his copy of the folio edit. Paris, 1628, (B. 17. 5).

Bentley has thus marked their ages in his own hand on the fly leaf of the volume:—

- α. notat MS. Cod. Biblioth. S^{ti}. Germani, 1000 annorum.
 γ. ————— Cod. S^{ti}. Germani, 900 annorum.
 δ. ————— Cod. Biblioth. Regiæ, Clarmontanum.
 ε. ————— Cod. Bibl. Regiæ, scriptum circa annum Christi 876.
 η. ————— Cod. Bibl. Regiæ, 900 annorum.
 θ. ————— Cod. Bibl. Regiæ, 800 annorum.
 κ. ————— Cod. Bibl. Regiæ, inter 800 et 700 annos.
 λ. ————— Cod. Bibl. Regiæ, circiter 900 annorum.
 μ. ————— Cod. Bibl. S^{ti}. Germani (Roberti Stephani, *latum*).
 ν. ————— Cod. Bibl. S^{ti}. Germani, scriptum anno 809, *oblongum*.
 ζ. ————— Cod. Bibl. Regiæ, supra 900 annorum, qui continet Evangelia.
 ο. ————— Cod. Bibl. S^{ti}. Germani, fere 800 ann., qui cont. Epistolas.
 π. ————— Cod. Bibl. Regiæ, 1000 annorum.
 ρ. ————— Codicem 1000 annorum.
 σ. ————— Codicem 900 annorum.
 τ. ————— Codicem supra 600 annorum.
 υ. ————— Codicem circiter 700 annorum.
 φ. ————— Codicem 900 annorum.

“ R. B.”

“Variantes Lectiones (says Walker *ibid.*) Codicum ρ, σ, τ, υ, collectæ erant per Patrem Leonem Chevalier, Monachum Benedictinum Congregationis St. Mauri, et mihi communicatæ a Domino Petro Sabatier de l'Abbaye St. Germain des Prez a Paris.”

Line 7.—‘The 2 books’—Cicero’s *Tusculans* and *Suetonius*, with Walker’s *Collations*. There are two copies of *Suetonius* with Bentley’s MSS. notes in the British Museum.

Line 13.—‘Salmasius’s variations:’ Græv. *Præf. Sueton.* p. 3, ed. 1672: Wolf. *Præf. Sueton.* p. 10.

Line 23.—See p. 555, l. 25.

PAGE 553, l. 24.—‘Cotton-house:’—the depository of the Royal and Cottonian Libraries. M. B. ii. p. 308.

PAGE 554, l. 11.—‘*Germanum Latum*:’ Thus expressed in a MS. note by Walker himself in B. 17. 5.—“Cod. Bibl. S^{ti}. Germani a Pratis, num. 15. Membr. in *folio lato*. Continet Partem Vet.

Test., Quat. Evang., Actus Apostolorum, Septem Epist. Canonicas, sine præfatione illa quæ vocatur Hieronymi, Apocalyps., ad Rom., ad Corinth. duas, ad Galat., ad Philip., ad Coloss., ad Thess. duas, ad Tim. duas, ad Titum, ad Phil., ad Hebræos, et tria folia libri Pastoris. Scriptus est cum *ae*, &c. Constat duabus columnis."

Line 18.—'*ae*:' Casley, Præf. Cat. MSS. Bibl. Reg. p. vii. "MSS. that have the diphthongs divided *ae* are not under 700 years but commonly 800. Those that have *e* and never *ae* are generally from 500 to 700 years; and books under 500 have no diphthongs at all, but *e* single.

Line 20.—'*Q. Curtius*:' Snaken. Catal. Ex. Cur. "In Bibl. Colbertinâ MS. Codex 800 annorum." See p. 572, l. 10.

Line 22.—'*Dr. Balderson*,' (Balderston) Master of Emanuel College.

Line 24.—Dr. Savage succeeded Dr. Balderson.

Line 25.—King George left England in May, and returned Nov. 14, 1719.

Line 26.—'*Gooch*:' M. B. ii. p. 48.

PAGE 558. l. 25.—'*De Italica veteri publicanda*:' Mopinot, described as "un des plus beaux génies que la congregation de Saint Maur ait eu," died in 1724, and Sabatier in 1742: *before* the publication of their work, which appeared under the title of "*Bibliorum Sacrorum Latinæ Versiones antiquæ seu Vetus Italica et cæteræ quæcunque in codicibus MSS. et antiquorum libris reperiri potuerunt, quæ cum Vulgata Latina et cum textu Græco comparantur. Accedunt præfationes, &c. Opera et studio D. Petri Sabatier, Ordininis Sancti Benedicti e Congregatione Sancti Mauri, Remis, 1743; 3 voll. folio.*

PAGE 560. l. 20.—'*In his*:' see "*S. Hieronymi Divina Bibliotheca antehac inedita complectens translationes Latinas Veteris ac Novi Testamenti; Paris, 1693.*"

PAGE 563, l. 1.—From Trin. Coll. Library.

Line 7.—'*Father Le Brun*:' see p. 565, l. 25.

PAGE 564, l. 19.—'*Martian's Book*:' probably "*Remarques sur la version Italique de l'Evangile de S. Mathieu qu'on a découvert dans de fort anciens MSS.*" Paris, 1695, 12mo. See p. 566, l. 21.

PAGE 565, l. 13.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 566, l. 8.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 568, l. 5.—‘Actions of Misisippi:’ Law’s project in France for an exclusive trade to, and colonization of, Louisiana in 1717, 18, and 19, which led to the South Sea scheme in England in 1720.

PAGE 569, l. 2.—From Sabatier’s Preface to the Third Volume of his *Bibliorum Sacrorum Latinæ Versiones*: pp. xvii. xxvii. and vol. i. p. xxxi. Cp. Bentley’s Works, iii. 517; Kidd’s Preface to Porson’s Tracts, p. lvi.; M. B. ii. 125; Baker on Learning; Casley’s Preface to the Catalogue of MSS. of King’s Library, p. xix. Lond. 1734; Hey’s Lectures, i. 41, new edit. On the other side, Père Simon, *Hist. Crit. du N. T.* c. 30; Middleton’s Works, iii. p. 371; Horne, Introduction, ii. pp. 198, 200, 203; Guerike *Kirchengesh.* p. 288.

The rough draft of this letter, in Bentley’s own hand, is still preserved on a blank page of B. 17. 6. in Trin. Coll. Library, as follows:—

“VERSIO LATINA ITALICA SOMNIUM MERUM.

“Quid? an non Damasus, Ecclesiæ Romanæ Episcopus, Italus fuit? Atqui is Hieronymum obsecravit ut Latinos Evangeliorum Codices ad Græca exemplaria exigeret et castigaret, eo quod immane quantum variarent Codices Latini; ubi ergo est una illa et Itala? Si una tum fuisset per totam Italiam, Damasus quievisset nec emendasset utique illam, sed illam aliis occidentalibus ut optimam et authenticam commendâset; solus Augustinus Italam illam nominat, et præconio honestat. Unde vero Augustinus, Damaso ætate minor, Italam illam scire potuit in Africa, Damaso ipsi in Italia ignotam? Ne verbum de hac versione Itala Hieronymus, in hac re longe Augustino ἀξιοπιστότερος. Nec quidquam aliis ex tota Antiquitate ante nuperam Typographiæ inventionem.

“Locus Augustini est libro ii. de Doctrina Christiana, cap. xv. Dixerat Pater doctissimus, ibi cap. xi. ‘Latinæ quidem linguæ homines quos nunc instruendos suscipimus duabus aliis ad scripturarum divinarum cognitionem habent opus, Hebræa scilicet et Græca; ut ad exemplaria præcedentia recurratur, si quam dubitationem attulerit *Latinorum Interpretum infinita varietas.*’ Et mox ibidem: ‘Qui enim Scripturas ex Hebræa lingua in Græcam

verterunt numerari possunt (scil. Aq. Theod. Sym. οἱ ο'.) Latini autem Interpretes nullo modo. Ut enim cuique primis fidei temporibus in manus venit Codex Græcus, et aliquantulum facultatis sibi utriusque linguæ habere videbatur, ausus est interpretari.' Et mox: 'Quoniam plerunque a sensu auctoris devius aberrat Interpretis si non sit doctissimus; aut illarum linguarum ex quibus in Latinam Scripturam pervenit petenda cognitio est, aut habendæ interpretationes eorum qui se verbis nimis obstrinxerunt. Non quia deficient, sed ut ex eis libertas vel error dirigatur aliorum qui non magis verba quam sententias interpretando sequi maluerunt.' Et mox: 'Plurimum quoque juvat Interpretum numerositas collatis Codicibus inspecta atque discussa; tantum absit falsitas: nam Codicibus emendandis primitus debet invigilare solertia eorum qui Scripturas divinas nosse desiderant, ut emendatis non emendati cedant ex uno duntaxat Interpretationis genere venientes. In ipsis autem Interpretationibus *ITALA*, (sic cod. Regius, 600 annorum, ii. 265), cæteris præferatur; nam est verborum tenacior, cum perspicuitate sententiæ. Et Latinis quibuslibet emendandis Græci adhibeantur, in quibus *LXX*. Interpretum, quod ad Vetus Testamentum attinet, excellit auctoritas.' Et mox: 'Latini ergo, ut dicere cœperam, Codices Veteris Testamenti, si necesse fuerit, Græcorum auctoritate emendandi sunt, et eorum potissimum qui, cum *LXX*. essent, uno ore interpretati esse perhibentur. Libros autem Novi Testamenti, si quid in Latinis varietatibus titubat, Græcis cedere oportere non dubium est, et maxime qui apud Ecclesias doctiores et diligentiores reperiantur.'

"Ex his plane paret corrigendum esse 'in ipsis translationibus *ILLA* cæteris præferatur *QUÆ* est verborum tenacior cum perspicuitate sententiæ.'

"Hoc conficiunt antecedentia et sequentia: Silentium omnium scriptorum, ipsius Augustini, qui nunquam alias *ITALAM* laudat: res ipsa ex Damaso et Hieronymo, et antiquis ante Hieronymum Patribus, qui ubique invertendo variant, nisi Latinæ linguæ angustia cohibentur. Adde quod *Itala* versio poeticum tantum Vocabulum est. Prosaici Scriptores *Italica* dixerunt jam inde a Ciceronis temporibus.

"In MSS. Bibliothecæ Bodleianæ S^{ti}. Augustini de doctrina Christiana Laud. D. 100, sic locus iste habetur: 'In ipsis autem Interpretationibus *ita labor* cētris p̄ferat̄ nam:ūboŕ tenacior &c. ubi syllaba *boŕ* ex recentiore manu est post rasuram. In Laud.

autem D. 40: sic habetur locus. In ipsis ae. int. ita^{lica} c & eris præferatur; nam est verborum, &c. Ex Epistola Dⁿⁱ Casley, qui Oxonii libros consuluit. Codices hi, præsertim ultimus, antiquus est, ut scriptura ae ostendit.” (C^{pare} Casley’s Preface to his Catalogue of the King’s Library, p. xix.)

“ N.B. Itala adjectivum pro Italica ter occurrit apud Arnobium, monente D^{no} Walker.”

The letter is thus introduced by Sabatier, after referring to Bentley’s Letter ‘ad unum e nostris,’ (see p. 551), ‘deinde alias nobis ipsis inscriptas dedit literas.’

PAGE 571, l. 16.—Casley, Cat. King’s Libr. Præf. p. xx. “What now will become of the labours of the Benedictine Monks, who for several years have been employed and have made great progress in preparing an edition of the Italic Version? Shall we not suspect that they know that they are publishing the true version of St. Jerom, but dare not give it out so because the Pope’s and the Council of Trent’s Infallibility are stamped on the present St. Jerom’s version; or the Latin Vulgate?” From a conversation with Bentley, see p. xix.

PAGE 572, l. 16.—This letter of Walker to Needham is preserved in the Public Library, at Cambridge, Nn. 2. 32. It was purchased at Askew’s sale, 1785. “A letter from Dr. Walker to Mr. Needham, on some MSS. of Æschylus:” see p. 477, l. 29.

PAGE 574, l. 1.—Car. de la Rue, Præf. ad Origen. Opp. Omnia, Paris, 1733, (the printing had *commenced* before 1726), 4 Voll. folio, p. viii. “Clarissimus dominus Joannes Walker presbyter Anglus, vir et Græce peritissimus, et in legendis vel difficillimis Manuscriptis Græcis exercitatissimus, iterum meo rogatu Cantabrigiensem Codicem, (Coll. SS. Trinitatis libri Origeniani *περὶ εὐχῆς*) accurate contulit cum editione Oxoniensi, a quo quantum illum discrepare deprehenderit adnotavimus in extrema quaque pagina, ubi extant insuper alterius doctissimi Angli Richardi Benteleii Conjecturæ, quibus omnia fere loca quæ medica manu indigebant sanitati feliciter restituit; præterea a numero 31, ad finem usque operis, nacti sumus MS^{tum} Codicem Colbertinum 3607, nunc Regium, in quo amplissimum est hujus libri fragmentum, quo plurima emendantur Editionis Oxoniensis loca, et Benteleianæ in illa Conjecturæ confirmantur.”

In the year 1728, “biennio postquam e typis Vincentianis exierat Origenis de Oratione libellus, (says the Benedictine Editor), prodiit Londini, anno 1728, altera ejus editio Græco-Latina, editore *Gulielmo Reading.*” ‘Ex nova collatione cum codice MS. Holmiensi, in Bibliotheca Coll. SS. Trin. Cantab. reposito, recognitus et emendatus, una cum Anonymi Scholiis in Orationem Dominicam, quibus subjunctæ sunt eruditi cujusdam Viri Notæ partim Criticæ partim locorum difficilium exegeticæ.’—*Reading’s Title.* These notes De la Rue has printed at the end of his first Vol. pp. 9. 11, as “Eruditi anonymi Angli notæ,” (see præf. p. ix.) They have been attributed to Dr. Bentley by some, as by Dr. Dibdin, Introduction, i. p. 191, and there are certainly remarkable coincidences between the conjectures printed by Reading and those sent by Bentley to De la Rue. Reading thus speaks of them in the preface: “Accedit hic Origenis de Oratione libellus, quem mihi notis instructum dedit vir singularis eruditionis, animique in me benevolentissimi, ut eum, si e re meâ publicâque foret, in lucem emitterem.”

PAGE 575, l. 1.—From Thesaur. Epistol. Lacrozian, Lips. 1742; i. p. 63.

Line 8.—‘D. Jablonskius:’ Daniel Ernest, translator of Bentley’s Sermons; see p. 150, l. 21. The person to whom the letter there printed is addressed was the Rev. Patrick Gordon, B. D., Regius Professor of Divinity and of the Oriental Languages in St. Mary’s College, at St. Andrew’s. He, with many others, was ejected at the visitation of that University, in August, 1690, by the Earl of Crawford and the Presbyterian party. He subsequently held some small preferment in Herefordshire. The letter in p. 150 ought to have been introduced by one from Jablonski to Bentley, 17th Feb. 1697, also in the possession of Mr. Payne. I am indebted for it to Bishop Monk’s kindness in making a second examination of his Lordship’s Benteian Papers, while these Notes were passing through the press :

RICHARDO BENTLEIO DANIEL ERNEST JABLONSKI.

“Admodum Reverende Clarissimeque Vir, Frater in Christo
“Venerande,

“Bella tua quibus atheismi enervasti impietatem, et pro quibus pridem bonorum omnium, atque ipsius Pietatis nomine debitas tibi egi gratias; non Britannorum proprium sed generis humani

comune esse bonum ratus: eadem lingua doctis vernacula ut legeretur, votis omnibus expetivi. Et tenuitatis propriæ conscientia, aliquanto tempore, dum idoneus quispiam et ab omnibus necessariis probè instructus versioni adornandæ sese accingeret, me repressit. Cum cessari undique animadverterem, non sine stomacho ipse calammum strinxi, et quam natura negat satis fecit indignatio versionem. Te, ut pios conatus æqui consulas obnixè oro, Deumque O. M. qui eximias et plane incomparabiles dotes in Te congegit, ut iis in Numinis sui gloriam, Ecclesiæque commodum, veræ cumprimis Pietatis incrementa porro ubi largiatur. Teque viribus, valetudine, honoribus, meritis affluentem diutissime perennare jubeat pie venerat. Admodum reverendi et clarissimi nominis tui

“Cultor obsequentissimus,

“D. E. JABLONSKI.

“*Admodum Reverendo Viro Domino Richardo Bentley, SS. Th. D., Sacræ Regiæ Majestatis Theologo et Concionatori Aulico, Canonico Wigerniensi, Domino et in Christo Fratri Venerando traduntur.*”

PAGE 576, l. 20.—Kraft, *Ep. Ruhnkenii*, p. 154: see p. 580, l. 9.

PAGE 578, l. 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 580, l. 4.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 10.—‘MS. Seideliano:’ Wetst. Proleg. N. T. i. p. 40; “Codex IV. Evangeliorum ex Oriente ab Andrea Erasmo Seidelio in Germaniam allatus, pervenit ad Io. Christophorum Wolfium, pastorem Hamburgensem, qui et Codicem descripsit et variantes ex eo lectiones edidit, Anecd. Gr. 111, ipsumque tandem Codicem R. Benteio in Angliam transmisit.”

PAGE 581, l. 6.—From two copies in Bentley’s own hand, in the Trin. Coll. Collection. Dr. Burney, who has printed the letter in his Volume, *BENTLEII EPISTOLÆ*, had probably access to the copy which Bentley sent. He quotes a part of it in his criticism on Glasse’s *Samson Agonistes*, Monthly Review, Sept. 1789, Vol. lxxxi. p. 248. A French translation of the letter was published by Saxius, *Acta Lit. Soc. Traj.* ii. pp. 1—8.

Line 10.—Of the Rev. Edward Chiswell, see Mus. Crit. i. p. 150; M. B. ii. 156-9.

Line 20.—Rose, *Inscriptiones Græcæ*, pp. 5, 337; Boeckh,

Corpus Inscript. i. p. 14; Dawes' Misc. Crit. 216—220, 630; Kidd.

PAGE 585, *l.* 9.—But see Kidd, Critical Review, March, 1804, p. 316.

PAGE 586, *l.* 13.—But see Rose, Inscr. pp. 7, 341.

PAGE 588, *l.* 23.—But see Rose, *l. c.*, p. 12.

Line 29.—But see Rose, *l. c.*, p. 10; Matth. Gr. Gr. § 19.

PAGE 589, *l.* 3.—See M. B. ii. 159.

Line 18.—See p. 598, *l.* 10; Boeckh, Corp. Inscr. i. 24.

PAGE 590, *l.* 16.—From the fly-leaf of the copy of Gorraeus' edition of the Nicandri Theriaca, Paris, 1557, 4to., formerly the property of Dr. Mead, then of Dr. Askew, and purchased at the sale of his MSS. in March, 1785, for the British Museum, where it now is. Cp. Mus. Crit. i. 370, 445; M. B. ii. 170; Gentleman's Mag. lv. 285, April, 1785; Schneider, Præf. ad Nicand. Alex. Halæ, 1792, p. xvii.

PAGE 591, *l.* 33.—'Fratrem tuum:' Samuel Mead; see p. 120, *l.* 16.

PAGE 592, *l.* 5.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 593, *l.* 2.—Of Rud's Collectanea of Inscriptions, see Dobree, Notes on Inscriptions, p. 64.

Line 30.—'Sir George Wheler,' the Greek traveller: Rector of Houghton-le-Spring, Durham: died in 1724, leaving his Marbles and MSS. to the University of Oxford.

PAGE 595, *l.* 15.—See p. 607, *l.* 10; p. 610; Taylor, Præf. Demosth. i. p. 102. Schæfer, "*Harl.* 7, Codex Harleianus. Liber ille quondam ad Ecclesiam Ripponensem in agro Eboracensi spectabat."

PAGE 596, *l.* 1.—See p. 597, *l.* 20.

PAGE 597, *l.* 20.—Boeckh, Inscript. P. viii. p. 33, where it will

be seen, that Bentley's conjectures are confirmed by more recent examinations of the marble.

PAGE 598, l. 18.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 605, l. 15.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 606, l. 14.—Bentley ad Lucan. 1. 8. "In Codice Lucani vetusto, 800 fere annorum, qui olim Puteanorum fratrum, nunc Regis Galliarum est, commentarius habetur perpetuus eadem qua textus manu."

PAGE 607, l. 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 20.—'Dr. Bernard's Catalogues:' Catalogi MSS. Angliæ et Hiberniæ; Oxon. 1697, fol.

PAGE 611, l. 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 25.—'Bulla Pontificia quæ incipit *Unigenitus*:' The question of its reception became a subject of controversy among the Benedictines themselves. See the Letters of P. Thuillier 'Sur la Constitution Unigenitus:' Par. 1727, 1729.

PAGE 615, l. 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 616, l. 7.—See Cumberland's Preface to Bentley's edition of Lucan. Wolf. Anal. i. p. 55.

PAGE 618, l. 28.—Luc. iii. 35.

PAGE 620, l. 1.—This and the following letter are from the New System of Agriculture, by John Laurence, M. A., (not Lawrence), Rector of Bishop's Wearmouth, in the Bishopric of Durham, and Prebendary of the Church of Sarum. Lond. 1726; p. 384, § 99. They have been printed by Dr. Gaisford, on Herod. iv. 169. On the Silphium, Cp. Baehr. l. c.; Doering, Catull. vii. 4; Billerbeck, Flora Classica, p. 72.

Line 14.—Mr. Evelyn, in his *Acetaria*, Miscellaneous Writings, ed. Upcott, p. 759: "Should we now tell the world that this precious juice is by many thought to be no other than the *foetid assa*, our nicer sallet-eaters would cry out upon it as intolerable."

PAGE 625, l. 2.—‘Bontius:’ Laurence prints it ‘Bendries.’ So, p. 624, l. 23, he has ‘Polycenes’ for ‘Polyænus.’ These and some other similar verbal errors have been corrected by Dr. Gaisford.

Line 15.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 627, l. 5.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 628, l. 24.—*αῦτη, sic Orig. et passim alia similia.*

PAGE 632, l. 5.—From Trin. Coll. Collection. Of Thomas Bentley, LL.D., nephew of Dr. Bentley, Fellow, and afterwards Library Keeper, of Trin. Coll., see M. B. ii. 239—242, 357, 407. He died May 28, 1742, a month and a half before his uncle.

Line 20.—These collations of the Bembus Terence arrived too late for Bentley’s edition, which appeared in 1726.

PAGE 635, l. 31.—‘Princess Sobiesky:’ see p. 643, l. 15.

PAGE 636, l. 7.—‘I have seen him:’ The Pretender; see p. 643, l. 13.

Line 11.—‘The Baron:’ de Stosch; see at p. 650, l. 30; 706.

Line 28.—‘Nitedula in Horace:’ Bentley’s conjecture for ‘vulpecula,’ in Hor. Ep. 1. 7. 29.

Line 28.—‘Correcting the Magnif.’ Cp. Bp. Bull’s Sermon on the Blessed Virgin’s low and exalted condition: i. p. 86, Oxf. 1827. “Erasmus clearly evinced that *ταπεινωσις* is rather in this place to be rendered *parvitas*, *vilitas*. The ignorant and angry monks fell very foul upon that excellent man for this his criticism; whence there arose a proverb in that time concerning any man that should attempt to amend that which could not be better expressed, *Vult corrigere Magnificat!*”

PAGE 638, l. 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 643, l. 25.—Hor. 2 Od. vi. 17.

PAGE 644, l. 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 17.—Brotier, Tacit. Annal. xi. 24, Tom. ii. pp. 27, 354,

“Quantum Tacitus orationem Claudii immutaverit, patet utramque conferenti,”—where a copy of the inscription is given.

PAGE 645, *l.* 9.—Juvenal, i. 44.

Line 24.—Liv. xxi. 31, where J. F. Gronovius reads Isara for Arar.

Line 27.—‘Seneca’s Trag.’ not Trag. but “Ludus de morte Claudii Cæsaris,” ii. p. 850, ed. 1672.

PAGE 646, *l.* 15.—‘Seneca:’ Epist. xci.

Line 22.—‘Suetonius:’ Vita Calig. c. 20.

PAGE 647, *l.* 2.—Orell. Inscr. Lat. p. 404. “Inter omnia Tauroboliorum monumenta hoc videtur antiquissimum.”

PAGE 648, *l.* 23.—Virgil. *Æn.* iv. 251.

PAGE 649, *l.* 28.—‘Dr. Baker’—Vice-Master.

Line 29.—‘For the Room.’ Dr. T. Bentley, as Library Keeper, was entitled to the rent (£12) for the Rooms of the Old Library. See Conclusion Book, March 8, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$.

PAGE 650, *l.* 30.—‘The cause’—of the Pretender; whose movements Baron Stosch was employed by the English Government to watch.

PAGE 651, *l.* 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 653, *l.* 29.—Stat. Silv. i. 4. 61.

PAGE 654, *l.* 17.—Stat. Silv. v. 3. 47.

Line 26.—Stat. Silv. iv. 3. 20.

PAGE 656, *l.* 1.—See p. 669, *l.* 14.

Line 8.—See p. 412, *l.* 33.

Line 18.—‘A Prelate.’ Joseph Simon Assemani, Arch Bishop of Tyre. Cp. Blume. *Iter. Ital.* ii. p. 85. “Kardinal als Bibliothekar oder Protector, schon im eilften Iahr-hunderte.”

PAGE 657, *l.* 13.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 658, l. 9.—Lucanus, Cortii, Lips. 1726. G. E. Weber, Poet. Lat. p. i. “Cortius in ed. ea quam curavit Car. Fr. Weber, Lips. 1821—1832, 3 Voll. 8vo., reperto tandem Viri clarissimi commentario diu amisso, plus *Septuaginta* Codicibus usus est.” Lucanus, Oudendorpii, L. B. 1728, 4to.

PAGE 659, l. 9.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 661, l. 11.—‘Library-keeper,’ of Trin. Coll. See p. 680, l. 20.

Line 29.—Catull. xliv. 1.

PAGE 663, l. 14.—‘The Chevalier:’ St. George, the Pretender.

Line 19.—‘Duke of Wharton,’ “of whom his father, the old Marquis, had predicted, that he would always take wrong courses; would learn his politics from Atterbury, and be ruined.” Newton’s Memoirs, p. 17.

PAGE 664, l. 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection. Samuel Crel-
lius, the Socinian preacher of Franconia, published, this year,
“Initium Evangelii S. Joannis Apostoli ex Ecclesiastica Anti-
quitate restitutum itidemque nova ratione illustratum,” under
the initials L. M. Artemonius, i. e. Lucas Mellierus (his ana-
gram) Artemonius, as professing the religious dogmas of Arte-
mon.

PAGE 668, l. 14.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

PAGE 669, l. 14.—‘The finest and oldest:’ Wetstein, Proleg.
N. T. i. pp. 23, 24. “R. Benteleius hunc codicem cum editis ac-
curate conferri curavit, cujus collationis copiam mihi fieri frustra
desideravi, quia possessor schedarum illarum et a Cantabrigia ubi
schedæ custodiebantur, et a Londino ubi per tempus breve com-
morabar ultra CL. M. P. aberat.” The Possessor was Dr. Richard
Bentley, who, probably, kept the ‘schedæ,’ in his rooms in Trin.
Coll., of which he was Fellow, while he was residing on his living
of Nailstone, in Leicestershire, p. 26. “Confirmatur per R.
Bentleium qui sæpe inter amicos narrare solebat Vaticanum Codi-

cem in omnibus fere cum Alexandrino (adeoque etiam, ut supra demonstravimus, cum versione Italâ) convenire.” Of this collation, now in Trin. Coll. Library, see p. 706, l. 2.

PAGE 670, l. 16.—‘MS. Scholiast.:’ Bekker, Præf. ad Schol. in Hom. Iliad, Ber. 1825. “Victorianum apud Wolfium excussi, commodatum e bibliotheca Monacensi. Is chartaceus est, forma maxima, foliis 470, Petri Victorii, ut videtur, ætate scriptus, initio mutilus post folium 470, Scholiis in Theogonia auctus.”

PAGE 672, l. 3.—‘Manilius:’ Weber, P. Lat. p. xliii. “Manilius Bentleii, xl. annorum opus, curante Richardo B., Richardi nepote, Londini, 1739, 4to.”

Line 5.—‘Then for Homer:’ Bentley’s preparations, with a view to an edition of Homer, were, as is well known, far advanced at the time of his death. Proof of this is seen in his copy of *Poetæ Græci*, fol. 1566, in which he has gone through the Iliad and Odyssey, and the Hymns to Apollo, Mercury, Venus, and Bacchus, restoring the digamma to every word which seemed to require it. (Cp. Heyne, Præf. Hom. iii. p. xciii.; Excurs. ad Iliad. xix. Vol. vii. p. 724; Thiersch. Gr. Gr. § 162, p. 242, ed. 3; Donaldson, New Cratylus, p. 118; M. B. ii. 360, 399). Additional Remarks by Bentley on the Digamma, and Notes on the first Six Books of the Iliad, are contained in a quarto MS. volume, which, as well as the *Poetæ Græci* above mentioned, is preserved in the Trin. Coll. Library, and is marked B. 17. 17, where is also a MS. of the Iliad, once in Bentley’s possession, and given to the College by his nephew Dr. R. Bentley. The *first* of these three volumes was sent to Heyne, by the College, for the use of his edition, but the two latter were not seen by him. It is greatly to be desired, that Bentley’s corrections of the common text of the Odyssey and of the Hymns may be given to the world, and that those of the Iliad, which have either never appeared, or else lie almost buried in Heyne’s Commentary, may be printed separately. (Cp. M. B. ii. 364).

The following letters from Lord Carteret to Lord Harley, referring to Bentley’s design of editing Homer, are preserved in the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum, and have been communicated to the Editor by Mr. Kidd:—

Copy of Lord Carteret's Letters to the Earl of Oxford and Mortimer, preserved in the Harleian Collection in the British Museum :—

“MY LORD, “JERMYN STREET, *August 1st, 1732.*

“ Having heard that your Lordship has several curious Manuscripts of Homer, I take the liberty to acquaint you, that Dr. Bentley has lately revised the whole works of Homer, which are now ready for the press, with his notes, some of which I have seen, and are very curious: and he desires leave to collate your Manuscripts upon some suspected verses in our present Editions. If your Lordship will be pleased to let the Dr. have the Manuscripts for a short time for that purpose, I shall be obliged to you. I have set the Dr. at work, and would be glad to procure such assistance as he desires, that he may have no excuse not to proceed. If your Lordship has no objection to the request, I desire you will let him have the Manuscripts, to be perused at Cambridge, upon his application to you. I desire the honour of an answer, that I may acquaint the Dr. with it.

“ I am, my Lord, with the greatest respect,

“ Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient Servant,

“ CARTERET.”

“ As you are a known encourager of learning, and learned yourself, I hope this request wont be disagreeable to you.”

“MY LORD,

“ I thank your Lordship for your great goodness in sending me the eleven MSS. of Homer and relating to him, and for permitting me to send them to Dr. Bentley. I shall take his receipt for you, and I am persuaded he will take great care of them; they shall be returned to your Lordship with thanks and honourable mention of you.

“ I am, my Lord, with the greatest truth and respect,

“ Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient Servant,

“ *March 8th, 1732 $\frac{2}{3}$.*

“ CARTERET.”

Upon this Letter is indorsed the following memorandum, in Lord Oxford's hand-writing:—

“ Lord Carteret, *March 8th, 1732 $\frac{2}{3}$* : Acknowledging that he had received eleven MSS. relating to Homer. All these MSS.

were returned to me by the hand of Mr. Casley, August 19th, 1737, Dover Street. "OXFORD."

Line 24.—'The Chancellor:' Sir Peter King. He held the seals from June 1, 1725, to Nov. 29, 1733.

PAGE 673, *l. 2.*—'So fine a clock:' the double-striking clock then set up in the great Court of Trin. Coll. Bishop Bradford, when Master of C. C. College, had been intimate with Bentley at Cambridge. He was made Bp. of Carlisle in 1718, and translated to Rochester in 1729.

Line 14.—From a copy in the Muniments of Trinity College. The original is among the Archives of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Cp. on the other side of the question, p. 21 of Dean Ireland's "Statement of the question concerning the number of scholars to be annually elected from Westminster School to Christ Church, Oxford, and Trinity College, Cambridge. Oxford, 1827." Compare Bp. Newton's Memoirs, pp. 11, 29.

PAGE 678, *l. 25.*—The following is an Extract from the Conclusion Book of Trinity College:—

"March y^e xiii. 172⁶/₇."

"Resolved by the Master and Seniors, Nemine contradicente, that, if the Governors of Westminster School, as is threatened, go to Law with our College in behalf of pretended letters of King James the First, anno Regni quinto, tending to confine all our fellowships to the Scholars of Westminster School, never here obey'd since the date of them, that the College will defend itself, and the honour of our Predecessors, at the public charge of the College."

"RI. BENTLEY."

PAGE 679, *l. 2.*—From the British Museum. MSS. Sloan. No. 4037, Art. 185. Sir Hans Sloane succeeded Sir Isaac Newton as P. R. S. in 1727.

Line 7.—'Mr. Derham:' Rev. William, Author of Physico-Theology, Astro-Theology, and Christo-Theology.

PAGE 680, *l. 2.*—The following correspondence, between Archbishop Wake and Dr. Bentley, has been transcribed from the originals in the Lambeth Library, by permission of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Cp. M. B. ii. p. 275.

PAGE 689, l. 9.—Trin. Coll. Conclusion Book:—

“ June 20th, 1729.

“ Agreed by the Master and Seniors, that Mr. Gossipp be chosen to the place of Library Keeper, now void by the voluntary cession of Dr. Thomas Bentley.”

“ September 25th, 1729.

“ Agreed by the Vice-Master and Seniors, that whereas a Mandamus hath been served upon the College from the Court of King's Bench, for the admission of a Library Keeper, nominated by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, by a power claimed by his Grace under Sir Edward Stanhope's Will, Mr. Sharp be forthwith wrote to, to take opinions of Counsel, how the College ought to proceed.

“ JOHN BAKER, *Vice-Master*.”

“ November 3rd, 1729.

“ Agreed by the Vice-Master and Seniors, that Sandys Hutchinson, Batchelor of Arts of this College, be admitted Library Keeper upon the terms and conditions of Sir Edward Stanhope's last Will and Testament.

“ JOHN BAKER, *Vice-Master*.”

“ November 3rd, 1729.

“ Agreed by the Vice-Master and Seniors, that Mr. Gossipp, Master of Arts of this College, be appointed additional Library Keeper, and that the College will make him satisfaction for his trouble.

“ JOHN BAKER, *Vice-Master*.”

PAGE 691, l. 12.—This and the letter in p. 711, are from Dr. John Taylor's “ *Commentarius ad Legem Decemviralem de Inope Debitore, &c.*, Cant. 1742, p. 23, § 99. See Præf. iv. and Cp. M. B. ii. 411; Obs. Miscell. iii. p. 411.

Of the first letter, Taylor says, Præf. p. iv. “ *Eam debes ingenio et humanitati Aristarchi Cantabrigiensis, quo nemo alius hac ætate sanctior, nemo in literis divinis humanisque exercitior aut ab omni laude felicior.*” Taylor speaks in the following terms of BENTLEY, in p. 703 of his *Lectiones Lysiacæ*. Oct. 1738:—
“ *Homeri editionem quam non minori ingenii felicitate molitur quotidie, quam nos omnes vehementia expectationis efflagitamus, bonorum omnium artium stator et vindex, clarissimus BENTLEIUS.*”

Dr. Burney was satisfied with the testimony which assigns them to Bentley, and has inserted them in his *BENTLEII EPISTOLÆ*, p. 266. See also M. B. ii. 411; Larcher, Gaisford, and Baehr. Herod. v. 59; Wolf. Proleg. Hom. p. lv.; Clarke to Bowyer, in Nichols' Lit. Anecd. i. 271; Kidd, Critical Review, March, 1804, p. 316, and Month. Rev. lv. p. 371. Chishull Ant. Asiat. (on a single sheet, at the end, dated Die 29 Sep. 1731) does not determine the question of their authorship, but says: "hunc versum in Herodoto, v. 59, pessime semper habitum,

Ἀμφιτρύων μ' ἀνέθηκε νέων ἀπὸ Τηλεβοάων.

"restituit nuper *Aristarchus quidam summe eruditus Cantabrigiensis*, idemque *alia* mecum benigne communicavit, de quibus suo in loco."

On the other hand, an opinion has been expressed by some, that these two letters are not from Bentley's pen, but should rather be attributed to Dr. Charles Ashton, Master of Jesus College. See T. F. i. e. Taylor's Friend, Mr. George Ashby, Fellow of St. John's College: Nichols' Anecd. vi. p. 433, i. p. 271; iv. p. 275, where it is asserted "that Dr. C. Ashton, Master of Jesus College, was the '*Aristarchus Cantabrigiensis*' to whom Taylor alludes in the above passage." See, also, the note on Taylor and Long's Music Speeches, p. xii. On Ashton's learned and anonymous literary productions, see Nichols' Anecd. iv. 226.

Line 24.—'Ποσειδών:' sic. Cp. Taylor: see Obs. Mis. iii. 205.

PAGE 703, l. 17.—'Statuarius:' But see Obs. Misc. iii. 207.

Line 20.—In 1731, the marble itself was brought to England, and the inscription found to coincide verbatim with the conjectures contained in this letter. Taylor, l. c., p. iv. Cp. Jacobs, Anthol. Pal. iii. p. 947.

PAGE 704, l. 1.—From Taylor, l. c.: E. C. i. e. Edmundus Chishull. Taylor, Præf. p. iv., having spoken of the letter of the *Aristarchus Cantabrigiensis*, says: "Chishullo non omnia probante." Biennio postquam hæc gesta sunt, accidit ut Marmor ipsum autographum et originarium ex Asiâ in Angliam transportaretur, quod in Ædibus Celeberrimi R. Mead, Archiatri tanquam Palatini Apollinis hodie asservatur, sæpius a me perlectum fuerit, iisdem ipsissimis literis exaratum quibus *Criticus ille insignis divini plane ingenii optimique augurii dudum exarari contendisset.*

PAGE 706, *l.* 1.—From Trin. Coll. Collection, where is also the Collation of the Vatican MS. to which the letter refers. See at p. 504, *l.* 22.

PAGE 707, *l.* 15.—‘Durandus:’ David Durand, the celebrated Protestant Preacher at the Savoy. From Trin. Coll. Collection. Of Bentley’s conjectures in his Edition of the ‘*Académiques de Cicéron avec le texte Latin, de l’édition de Cambridge,*’ see Nichols’ Lit. Anecd. i. p. 343; ii. p. 142.

PAGE 708, *l.* 8.—‘Plinius:’ Durand published ‘*Histoire de la Peinture ancienne extraite de l’Histoire Naturelle de Pline, liv. xxxv. avec le texte Latin, à Londres, 1725;*’ and ‘*Histoire Naturelle de l’or et de l’argent extraite de Pline, liv. xxxiii. Lond. 1729, fol.*’

PAGE 709, *l.* 2.—From Trin. Coll. Muniment Room. Of Mr. R. Johnson, Fellow of Trin. Coll., Promoter of the Suit against Bentley in 1733, see M. B. ii. 279, 354. Cp. Bentley’s Defensive Plea, *ibid.* p. 428.

PAGE 710, *l.* 4.—Cumberland’s Memoirs, i. p. 96. “He was disabled by the palsy in his latter days.” See also p. 10.

PAGE 711, *l.* 5.—From J. Taylor’s Thesis de Inope Debitore, (see p. 698, *l.* 12), p. 29; M. B. ii. 412. Taylor, in his preface to his Thesis, p. vii. “Eidem eruditissimo auctori debetur (cui Epistola de Jove Urio,) mole quidem parvâ, ἀκριβείᾳ autem et subtilitate plenissima.”

Line 19.—Of the era of the Seleucidæ, which began 311 years, 4 months, B. C., see Sir Harris Nicholas’ Chronology of History, p. 10, and Asseman’s Bibliotheca Orientalis, ii. p. 313.

Line 23.—Ideler Chronologie, i. p. 447. The era of the Seleucidæ, designated ‘mit der Bezeichnung *anno Græcorum, oder anno regni Alexandri.*’

PAGE 713, *l.* 7.—‘Gift:’ *i. e.* to the Public Library, at Cambridge.

Line 20.—From Trin. Coll. Collection. Of D’Orville, see Kraft, *l. c.*, p. 295.

PAGE 714, l. 30.—1737. The last time that the signature of Dr. Bentley, as Master, appears in the College Conclusion Book, is Dec. 8th of this year, 1737. The last College Act of his Mastership was one of Grace: on July 5, 1742, Charles Mason, one of his former opponents, was made College Preacher.

PAGE 715, l. 2.—From Trin. Coll. Collection.

Line 4.—Lulolfs, Geographical and Mathematical Professor, of Zutphen, in Gelderland, and afterwards of Leyden.

Line 5.—‘Germani et Galli:’ see Wolf. *Analekten*, i. p. 7, note.

Line 11.—‘Confutation of Atheism.’ In this year it had reached a Sixth, and the “Remarks on Free-thinking,” a Seventh Edition.

PAGE 716, l. 17.—*Read* ‘Zutphanixæ.’

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